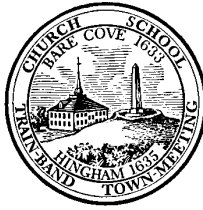


# *Annual Report*



## *Town of Hingham 2006*

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Liz MacVarish, Senior Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office was awarded the Customer Assistance Award. Anyone who has visited the Town Clerk's office would remember Liz's pleasant and accommodating manner. A member of the staff for eight years, she displays her knowledge of the job, dedication and willingness to go the extra step to help the public and co-workers at all times, and always with a ready smile.

Learning of grant money available through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for service training, Linda Harper wrote the grant application and obtained the funds for the Library. The training was not only for employees and their relations with library patrons, but also for staff interaction and working as a team. Linda has been a familiar and pleasant face around the front desk since 1998, and well deserves the Productivity and Efficiency Award.



### *Town Information*

Web Site: [www.hingham-ma.com](http://www.hingham-ma.com)

Incorporated	1635
Population	20,845
Registered Voters	14,925
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	6959
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,498,122,000
Personal Property	\$74,475,140
Tax Rate	\$9.00
Schools	5
Public School Children, PreK-12 (3/07)	3,860
Professional Staff	360
Support Staff	216
Total FY2006 Budget	\$67,954,303
School FY2006 Budget	\$31,964,897

#### **U. S. Congressman**

Tenth District  
William Delahunt  
1317 Longworth House  
Wash. DC 20505  
202-255-3111

#### **State Senator**

Norfolk-Plymouth  
Robert L. Hedlund  
State House  
Room 413E  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-1646

#### **State Representative**

Third Plymouth Dist.  
Garrett Bradley  
State House  
Room 472  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-2120

## *Board of Selectmen*

*The Town of Hingham conducted lengthy and productive town meetings in the past twelve months. The Annual Town Meeting of 2006 in the spring was held over three nights in late April and early May. A Special Town Meeting was held in December, 2006. Town Meeting passed all of the articles recommended by the Board of Selectmen including significant initiatives to rebuild the town Central Fire Station building, to build a new town DPW building and new sports fields near the Bare Cove Park, and to fund further environmental cleanup at the Bare Cove Park.*

### FINANCIAL

The town maintained the highest possible financial ratings from the major municipal rating services – Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch. Budgets are balanced, capital expenditures have been adequate to keep the town's physical assets in good condition and budget growth has been kept in check. In short, the town has a sound financial position.

However, as a result of significant increases in the town's school age population, the town faces the likely additional capital expense of building a new school on the site of the former East School, a renovation at the Middle School and other significant expenditures at the Foster and Plymouth River Elementary Schools. The town will also need to plan for additional operating funds for these schools. Since the town will likely float bonds to finance the construction of these projects, it is important that the town maintain its financial discipline in order to maintain our high ratings and hence pay the lowest possible interest rates on these school projects.

### DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH

The Board is committed to managing the growth of the town in a prudent fashion. While the Board cannot put a moratorium on new growth or stop development, it has been working closely with developers to control, manage and slow growth in many ways. We have encouraged the renewal and use of the Community Preservation Act in order to purchase open space and limit development. We are reviewing options for further zoning enforcement including the introduction of a Town Zoning Enforcement officer. We have obtained, with the support of our representatives to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, additional parcels of land to be added to Bare Cove Park.

The Board continues to review means to manage growth including the review of a new study of ways to slow traffic on Beal Street. We also

implemented our recommendation to install a traffic light at the intersection of Free, High and Main Streets. While there was no big ribbon-cutting ceremony, it is fair to say that there was a general celebration at this development.

We welcomed a new, large commercial tenant to South Hingham. The large office building for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts will bring jobs and large PILOT (payment in lieu of tax) revenues to the town with traffic focused on one of our commercial zones, south of Route 3. Growth of the commercial tax base is an important element in maintaining the town's sound financial position

#### PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC WORKS

In addition to the addition of the new Main Street traffic light noted and funding for the new DPW facility noted above, the town continues to plan for further growth and change. Two projects are of particular note. The first is that the second phase of the Rt. 228 improvements are scheduled for 2007. This will involve a certain amount of disruption while the road is brought up to present safety standards.

The second matter is the continued work relating to the construction and opening of the Greenbush railroad line. The downtown area has endured significant disruption for the past four years and is only now starting to return to a more positive state. The town has invested funds for improvements in the downtown and is seeking further state support for additional work in the downtown area. Police and other public safety officials have begun implementing a plan to educate citizens about the hazards of the train line which is expected to become operational at the end of 2007. This includes already-commenced education for our children in the schools and a program of greater community education later this year.

#### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The Board sets new goals each year in order to focus and communicate effectively our efforts at improving the town. We are working on ways to increase recycling at the landfill; to develop benchmarking evaluations of our departments; and working to improve the environment in Hingham and the world through our energy and conservation practices. Our board has established a Town Energy Policy Committee in order to consider ways to make Hingham "greener". We expect recommendations from this committee in 2007 and 2008. We have initiated a business outreach program that included a meeting with town business executives in the fall of 2006 to discuss business issues in the town.

We are continuing plans to build more affordable housing along Beal Street in addition to the affordable units that will be part of the Shipyard development. We also continue to oversee contracts with private developers at the "Project Turnabout" land and the "Hersey House" parcel which will also increase the number of affordable housing units in the town.

We are pleased to continue the traditions of the Selectmen's Regatta, the Selectmen's Golf Tournament to benefit the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee, and the Selectmen's State of the Town Forum. We appreciate the support of many members of the community for these efforts.

#### STAFF RECOGNITION

Among the highest forms of recognition for town employees, the Donna Mayberry Greenberg Awards, are given annually to two exceptional performers for the town. The awards memorialize Donna Mayberry Greenberg for her outstanding service to Hingham. This year's Productivity and Efficiency Award for the outstanding service she has provided over the years at the town library, was awarded to Linda Harper. Liz MacVarish of the Town Clerk's office received the Customer Service Award for the positive attitude and friendly spirit given to visitors to this office.

In closing, we wish to recognize our remarkably talented and hardworking staff, including Charles Cristello, Betty Foley, Marilyn Harrington, Betty Tower and Leah Bleicken. They provide support not just to our board but to town offices and departments ranging from the DPW to the Schools to our Public Safety and Cultural organizations. In short, they are the glue of town government and we thank them for their commitment to the Town of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Edmundson, Chairman  
Melissa A. Tully  
John Riley



## *Town Administrator*

*I am pleased to submit my fourteenth report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham.*

The construction associated with restoration of the Greenbush line began to wind down by year's end. The last of the numerous street closings, Water Street, was finally reopened. 'Temporary' closures to South Street near its intersection with North Street were less frequent as construction of the tunnel neared completion. The new culvert to the Home Meadows under Water Street, and the cleaning of the existing pipe to the harbor, resulted in a marked increase in water flow. We are hopeful that greater salt water flushing with every tide will result in the gradual destruction of the phragmite population and the reemergence of salt marsh species in much of the Home Meadows.

The completion of the MBTA's work downtown allowed us to continue the reconstruction project in Hingham Square. The Hingham Development and Industrial Commission, with the help of Community Preservation funds, hired the Cecil Group to develop plans for downtown streetscape improvements. This year's work included new and wider sidewalks with brick accents along with new lighting and street trees to the remainder of North Street between Central Street and South Street. In the coming year we intend to continue the project on South Street, to reconstruct the Station Street parking lot along with new sidewalks and lighting, and to begin work on the tunnel cap between North and South Streets. I want to once again thank Project Inspector Roger Fernandes for all the work he has done to look out for both the Town's and the merchant's interests throughout this very difficult construction project.

The design for the Route 228 Phase 2 project, from Merrymount Road to Queen Anne's Corner, edged ever closer to becoming an actual construction project. The Massachusetts Planning Organization again supported the project by voting \$4.3 million in the FY 2007 element of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). If all goes according to plan, bidding will take place in the summer and construction would begin in the fall of 2007. The project will include bicycle lanes, some minor intersection improvements, new signals at the South Fire Station and new ADA compliant sidewalks.

The 2005 Town Meeting approved a land exchange with Hastings LLC that would reconstruct and expand the Town-owned playing fields on Beal Street, improve the parking and access to Bare Cove Park, and provide a buffer between Bare Cove Park and the housing development planned for the former Project Turnabout parcel. The financial benefit to the Town of just the playing fields and parking improvements is

estimated to be in excess of \$2 million. In addition the Hingham Sports Partnership raised over \$160,000 to fund an expanded field house designed by local architect Al Kearney and built by local builder Steve Jacobs. Over the past year special legislation was enacted to authorize the land exchange thanks to the efforts of Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley. Additionally a new program of utilization was approved by the National Park Service in order to both incorporate the land that will be added to the park and to release the former park land that is being transferred to Hastings LLC. Construction of the playing fields and field house began in the fall and will be completed by the summer of 2007.

The town received some unexpected bad news in the fall as work began to clean up buildings and foundations at Bare Cove Park. The Town's engineer for the project, Gale Associates, discovered that much of the debris on the south side of the park was contaminated with asbestos. Under the direction of the Department of Environmental Protection the Town closed off access to that part of the park and began to design a clean-up plan to eliminate the contamination. At the Special Town Meeting on December 11, 2006 Town Meeting appropriated \$378,000 from available reserves to fund the asbestos removal. Work began immediately and will be completed early in the new year. The original project to remove the old military buildings and foundations from the park, funded by Community Preservation funds, is expected to begin in the spring of 2007.

The South Shore Regional Services Consortium is comprised of 12 municipalities along the Route 3 corridor from Milton to Duxbury. The consortium bid 10 highway maintenance services and 15 materials for ten South Shore DPWs in 2006. Combined cost reductions are estimated to be \$380,000 annually for the participants, with the most significant savings realized through paving services. In addition, a combined bid for office supplies amounted to savings of \$40,000 to \$60,000. Collective bidding also frees municipal staff from the time consuming municipal procurement process, leaving them more available to directly address services to the community.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the Town employees and volunteers, particularly the staff in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. I look forward to another productive year serving the Hingham community in 2007.

Charles J. Cristello  
Town Administrator

## *Town Clerk*

*With three Elections and a three night Town Meeting we were busy in 2006.*

With a turnout of 20.4% at the Town Election, John Riley was elected Selectman, replacing Mat MacIver. Judy Sneath was elected to the Planning board filling the vacancy left by the resignation of John Riley, Barbara Cook to the School Committee and Frank Jones to the Recreation Commission replacing Arthur Shabo and Mitch Powers respectively. A ballot question to make the Treasurer/Collector an appointed position was defeated.

2006 was the last year that the voting was done with the Optical Scanning Machines. When voting an arrow had to be completed that pointed to your choice of candidate. In 2007 we will have new machines including handicap accessible ones. To place your vote you will fill in an oval. The handicap machines will have a screen and audio prompting that will assist the person using this machine. The rest of the voting process will be the same. We are looking forward to using the new machines.

I was hoping to have all precincts vote at the High School. After looking over the situation again it will not be possible. Since there will be a Federal census soon we may have to adjust the precincts so it is probably better if we keep the two voting areas. So we will continue to have precincts 1, 2, 3, and 5 voting at the High School and precincts 4 and 6 at the Middle School.

We are always in need of poll workers. If you are interested in working at the polls please drop by the office, see us at the polls, or you can contact us at [townclerk@hingham-ma.com](mailto:townclerk@hingham-ma.com).

I would like to congratulate Liz MacVarish who is one of my "clerkettes". She received the 2006 Customer Assistance Award, which I know was well deserved. Finally, I would like to thank my office staff for all that they do including the compilation of all the Town Clerk information following this report.

Eileen A. McCracken  
Town Clerk

2006  
*Elected Town Officers*

	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2007
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
Philip J. Edmundson	2007
Melissa A. Tully	2008
John A. Riley	2009
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2009
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b>	
Jean Montgomery (Appointed to fill term)	2007
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Robert H. Kurtz	2009
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2008
Mark F. Tyburski	2007
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Peter B. Bickford	2009
Stephan J. White, Chairman	2008
Kirk J. Shilts	2007
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2009
Kevin J. Bulman	2008
Walter A. Foskett	2007
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
John Cafferty	2011
Mary Lou Tutkus	2010
Robert D. Keyes	2009
James R. Watson	2008
Heather A. Hedlund	2007

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Linda Krause Hill	2009
Barbara J. Cooke	2009
Esther Healy	2008
Christine Smith	2008
Kristin Parnell	2007
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	2007
Stephen Nagle	2007

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Susan Murphy	2010
Paul K. Healey	2009
Sarah H. Corey, Chairperson	2008
Judith S. Sneath	2007
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick (Appointed to fill Vacancy)	2007

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Michael A. Salerno	2009
John M. Brandt	2008
Edmund Demko	2007

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Francis G. Jones	2011
Thomas J. Campbell	2010
Robert D. Keyes	2009
Kristin M. Parnell	2008
Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth	2007

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF  
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Paul Chaffee	2009
Judith S. Belknap	2008
Patricia Pierce	2007

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH  
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Thomas Foley
F. Peter Fee
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup>  
DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney
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2006  
*Appointees*

**Term Expires**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR  
(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Theodore Alexiades

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Michael S. Barclay	2009
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.	2009
Dennis C. Friedman	2009
Linda B. Port	2009
Amy W. Farrell	2009
Deborah L. Allinson	2008
David H. Ellison	2008
Mary Jane O'Meara	2008
Anthony P. Kiernan	2008
John F. Manning	2008
Luis A. Alvarado	2007
Laura Burns	2007
Irma Lauter	2007
William S. Reardon	2007
Jerry K. Seelen	2007

**ANIMAL SHELTER SITE STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen, ART 72 ATM 1986)**

MaryLou Hanlon  
Margot Quadros  
Justine Thurston  
Barbara Partridge

**APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Tod McGrath	2009
Stephen McLaughlin	2008
Victor A. Popp	2007

**Associate Members (one year term)**

Mario Romania, Jr.  
Robert R. Bersani  
Steven David  
Joseph Freeman

William M. Koplovsky  
L. Bruce Rabuffo  
Jamey Tesler

**APPRAISER, TOWN**

Richard Lane Partridge

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

E. Brooks Robbins	2009
Cynthia Thaxter	2009
Ronald Clough	2008
Robert England	2008
Paul Doyle	2008
John Swanson	2007
Andrew Read	2007
Francis W. Sheltry	2007

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Joan Hansel  
Alyce Nobis  
Shirley Rydell  
Laura Spaziani  
Avis Studley  
Miriam Tod  
Marjorie Elsdon  
Katherine Morrissey  
Kathleen Q. Norman  
Rosemarie Durkin

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard E. Morgan

**Deputy Building Commissioners**

Mark Grylls	2007
Robert M. Egan	2007
Michael Simpson	2007
Richard Wakem	2007

**Plumbing Inspectors**

Brian McPherson, Inspector	2007
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Francis J. Yetman, Inspector	2007
George Rittershaus, Jr., Deputy Inspector	2007
<b>Wire Inspectors</b>	
Patrick F. Cannon, Inspector	2007
Russell McLoud, Inspector	2007
John A. Stoddard, Jr., Deputy Inspector	2007
Kevin J. Bulman, Deputy Inspector	2007

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eric Gauthier	2009
James Morrison	2009
Amy Goebel	2008
William Helfrich	2008
Guy Conrad	2007
Eric Connerly	2007
Philip S. Thaxter	2007

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Thomas J. Pyles	2009
Jonathan R. Asher	2008
Andrew P Mooradian	2007

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Irma Lauter  
 Anthony Kiernan  
Ex-Officio Member  
 Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

**CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 14 ATM 2002)**

Talbert Lauter  
 Alison Ferrante  
 Paul Murphy  
 Tina Sherwood  
**(Appt. by Moderator)**  
 Carl E. Peterson  
 Mary K. Boland  
 Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
(ART 38 ATM 2001)**

Valerie Talmadge (Moderator Appt.)	2009
John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)	2009
Philip J. Edmundson (Selectmen Rep.)	2008
Thomas Maloney (Moderator Appt.)	2008



Judith M. Cole (Selectmen Appt.)	2008
Kenneth Soltys (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2007
Judy Sneath (Planning Board Appt.)	2007
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2007
Sarah Dewey (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2007

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Eugene Babin	2009
Sean Coleman	2009
Samuel Chapin	2008
Douglas D. Harvey	2008
Kenneth Soltys	2008
Mark Milton	2007
Benjamin Spruill	2007

**CONSTABLE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2008
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Henry Wey (Appt. Retirement Board)	2009
Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2008
Thomas P. Hall (Appt. by Selectmen)	2007
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2007

**Ex-officio**

Theodore Alexiades (Town Accountant)	
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**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Helen G. O'Meara	2009
Ann Manning	2009
Lillian F. Colbeck	2009
Robert Montgomery	2009
James F. Plotner	2008
Thomas Hickey	2008
Susan Kiernan	2008
Joanne Pollick	2008
Anne Condon	2007
William Scott	2007
Steven D Waynen	2007

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

Keefer Welch	2009
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Matthew Havens	2009
Daniel Walsh	2008
Brian A. Elsdon	2008
Jack Gamache	2007

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Jane P. Shute	2009
Avis Goldstein	2008
Emily Hutchinson	2008
Mary Ann Blackmur	2007
Constance H. Cummings	2007

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Nanette G. Walsh	2011
Donald Kidston	2011
Richard Monaghan	2010
Blake L Auchincloss	2010
L. Bruce Rabuffo	2008
Peter Colket	2007
Benedict Wilcox	2007

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON**  
**(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989 ART 50)**

Richard Morgan	2009
Susan Sommer	2008
John Pollick	2008
Barbara Partridge	2008

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)

Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henriksen
Patricia Tomecek
Jean Curtis Loud
Judith Rielly

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eileen A. McCracken
Linda Harper
Joan Newell

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**

See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

A. Alden Carpenter, MD

Shanna Nicholson

Susan Hagstrom

Lewis Scotton

Virginia Spannagel

Liz Bridges

Mary Power

Eric Gauthier

Cynthia Tonucci

Mary Ann Blackmur

Ruth Potter

Susan Drew

Jenni Denegri

Doris McCann

William Ramsey

James Drew

**GAR HALL TRUSTEES****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Keith Jermyn

2009

Robert Shepard

2008

Arthur Smith

2007

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Warren Nottleson

2009

David Beal

2009

William S. English, Jr.

2008

Gregory Synnott

2008

Richard Callahan

2008

James Doyle

2007

Nicholas Amdur

2007

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

John Souther

Kenneth R. Corson, III, Deputy Harbormaster

**Assistant Harbormasters**

Robert Jenks

2007

Michael Murray

2007

Michael Hickey

2007

Daniel Galvin

2007

Robert Blazuk

2007

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**  
Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer  
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HISTORIAN, TOWN**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 1943 ATM)**  
Winston I. Hall

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**  
**(ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 1967 ATM)**

Gene Raymond	2009
Martha Saunders	2008
Vacancy	2008
Scott Ford	2007
Peter Barlow	2007
<u>Alternate Members</u>	
Winston I. Hall	2008
Benedict Wilcox	2007
Sean Papich	2007
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Virginia Tay	2009
Willis Ertman	2009
Sarah Dewey	2008
Gary Tondorf-Dick	2008
Kathleen Sutton	2008
Noel A. Ripley, Jr.	2007
Arlyn Vogelmann	2007

**HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Gretchen Condon	2009
James O'Brien	2009
Robert Bone	2009
Reverend Gary Ludwig	2008
William Fideli	2008
Lee Vigil	2007
John Sneath	2007

**JET NOISE TASK FORCE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen 4/18/00)**

Albert Engelhart  
John Fisher  
Mary Ann Frye  
Richard Goldhammer  
Donald Levi  
Thomas Maloney

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Kate Mahony  
Edward Siegfried  
A. Stedman Murdy  
Jane P. Keirnan  
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.  
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.  
Harold Goldstein  
Arthur Garrity  
James Welch  
Edna English  
Mark VanDine

**Appointed By Selectmen**

JoAnn C. Mitchell	2009
David Mehegan	2008
Edward D. Boylan	2007

**Appointed By Moderator**

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2007
Kathleen Q. Norman	2008

**Ex-officio Members**

Rep. Of Board of Selectmen  
Treasurer/Collector  
Superintendent of Schools

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman  
Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief  
David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat  
William Gray, Fire Department, EMS  
Steven Carlson, Police Chief  
Taylor Mills, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
John Riley, Selectmen  
Philip J. Edmundson, Selectman  
Melissa Tully, Selectmen  
Charles Cristello, Town Administrator  
Joseph Stigliani, Superintendent of Public Works

Randy Sylvester, Ass't. Superintendent of Public Works  
Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor  
John Tzimirangas, Manager, HMLP  
Edward McDonald, Light Plant  
Richard Morgan, Building Commissioner  
Paul Field, School Department  
W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer  
Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
John Souther, Harbormaster  
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Donald N. Jensen	2007
Marianne MacDonald	2007
Stacy S. Havens	2007
Patrick S. Durkin	2007
Patricia Bickford Bray	2006
Helga Jorgensen	2006
Peter G. Stathopoulos	2006
Timothy H. White	2006
Maureen A. Devine	2006

**Ex-officio Member**

Ass't. Superintendent Public Works

**MASS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr., Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative

Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative

Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

Mathew E. MacIver, Alternate Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth W. Drescher

John McKendry

Shirley Newsom

Nancy Stimson  
Joan Getto  
Michael Shilhan  
Dorcas V. Wagner  
Justine L. W. Thurston  
Eugene Shaw  
Elizabeth Shaw

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

Mathew E. MacIver 2009  
Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

Eileen A. McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Susan Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2009  
Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2008  
John Davenport (Selectmen Appt.) 2008  
Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2007  
Roderick Gaskell (Conservation Appt.) 2007

**PARKING CLERK**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

James Claypoole (Resigned) 2009  
Marie S. Harris 2009  
Michael J. Puzo 2008  
William D. MacGillivray 2008  
Nelson G. Ross 2007

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Philip J. Edmundson

**POLICE CHIEF**

Steven D. Carlson

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Joseph Stigliani

**PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 15 ATM 2002)**

John J. Bailey  
Robert P. Garrity  
Brian McSweeney  
**(Appointed by Selectmen)**

Karl Willner  
William Martin  
Edward Colbert  
Linda Kutsch

**REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62 ATM 1991)**

Peter G. Stathopoulos  
S. Edward Eaton  
Helga J. Jorgensen

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**  
**(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Virginia Gray	2009
Alice P. Granahan	2008
Betty Tower	2007
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**ROUTE 3 SOUTH TASK FORCE**  
Stephen Kelsch, Hingham Rep.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Jean Montgomery	2009
Francis Gaul	2009
James MacAllen	2009
Lisa Virello	2008
Scott Peterson	2008
Heidi Ford	2007
Frederick Hussey	2007
Kenneth Buntrock	2007
Patricia Tomacek	2006

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006**

(Art. 17, 2006 ATM)  
Stepan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Alan J. Macdonald (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)



Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Stephen Nagle (School Comm. Appt.)

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

Mathew E. MacIver

2009

**SOUTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB LONG RANGE PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

(Appt. By Selectmen, 7/26/05)

Thomas Campbell

Kate Mahony

Mary O'Donnell

Bernard O'Neill

David Ramsdell

Kevin Taylor

James G. Welch

**SOUTH SHORE JET NOISE COUNCIL**

**(Appointed By Selectmen, 1/4/2001)**

Richard Goldhammer (Citizen Representative)

Mathew E. MacIver (Elected Official Representative)

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**

**(Appointed By Selectmen)**

Joseph Stigliani

Helga Jorgensen

Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC

William Koplovsky, Rep. To the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**SPECIAL COMMISSION ON EQUITY OF FARES**

**(Appointed By Selectmen, 9/7/2004)**

Martha Bewick

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE**

(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)

John J. Pollick

Ingrid Eikinas

Carolyn Kelliher

Greg Hall, Assessors

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Charles J. Cristello

**TOWN ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Appt. By Selectmen, Nov. 2006)

Ted Alexiades, Town Accountant

David Killory, School Dept.

John Tzimirangas, Light Plant

Robert Baynes

Pamela Harty

Russell Heissner

Brian Phillips

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Planning Board Chairman

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent

Philip Resca

2009

Leslie Kehoe

2008

Joseph Burton

2007

**TREE WARDEN**

Joseph Stigliani

John Bibby, Deputy Tree Warden

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

Edward Barr

Keith Jermyn

Robert Beal

Stephen Kelsch

James Calypool

Scott McMillan

Richard Corcoran

Michele Meade

Michael Cunningham

John Overbagh

Theodore Evangelides

William Ramsey

Robert Fournier

Lewis Scotton

Robert Haviland

**WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(ART 23 ATM 2004)

John Brandt (Sewer Comm. Rep.)

John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)

Kirk Shilts (Board of Health Rep.)

Eugene Babin (Con. Comm. Rep.)

W. Tod McGrath (Planning Board Rep.)

Richard Hull (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mark White (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mathew E. MacIver (Moderator Appt.)  
Francis Mahony, Jr. (Moderator Appt.)

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

Gregory J. May  
Roger W. Sullivan  
Samuel S. Mullin  
William C. Schrader  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Carolyn J. Nielsen  
Robert W. Stuart

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Harold Tuttle (Deputy)	2007
Charles Alexson (Deputy)	2007

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Faith Burbank  
Darrell Baker, Alternate

**ZONING PERMITS STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 2006)**

Victor N. Baltera  
Richard S. Cook  
Donald R. Pinto, Jr.  
Mary M. Power  
William C. Ramsey  
Susan Murphy, Planning Board Rep.  
Stephen McLaughlin, ZBA Rep.

## *Annual Town Meeting April 24, 2006*

Registered Voters: 14,925

Attendance: 1007

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 24, 2006. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present. Andrew J. McElaney was appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator and Alexander Jordan, if needed. The invocation was given by Abbot Nicholas Morcone of Glastonbury Abbey. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Fix salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for DCR on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving fund
10. Appropriate state highway funds for streets and sidewalks
11. Transfer money from Waterways Fund to Dredging Account
12. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
13. Transfer funds to the Stabilization Fund
14. Transfer funds from the Stabilization Fund
15. Rescind prior votes re: Public Works Facility
16. Appropriate funds for Public Works facility and athletic fields
17. Appropriate funds for School project
18. Appropriate funds from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation
19. Amend Community Preservation Act surcharge
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Scotland Street
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Bare Cove Park
22. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Harbor Plan
23. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Cushing Pond
24. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Hingham Center
25. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Housing
26. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Open Space
27. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Downtown
28. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – GAR Hall

29. Treasurer/Collector as an appointed position
30. Transfer property adjacent to Hersey House & amend zoning
31. Amend the zoning By-Law re: Resident Parking in Downtown
32. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Special Permits
33. Remove Deputy Police Chief from Civil Service
34. Amend Town of Hingham By-Law re: Sidewalk clearing
35. Amend interest rate charged on real estate tax deferrals
36. Adopt changes in asset and income levels under MGL c.59 §5
37. Intermunicipal agreement for software services
38. Amend deed restriction on Housing Authority property
39. Mutual aid agreement for Board of Health
40. Special Legislation re: Land acquisition
41. Veterans credit for disability retirees
42. Special Legislation re: Retirement credit D. Lincoln
43. Special Legislation re: Retirement credit G. Shaw
44. Special Legislation re: Shipyard Improvement District
45. Special Legislation re: Central Fire Station connecting to MWRA sewer
46. Special Legislation re: Site specific liquor licenses
47. Special Legislation re: Short-term borrowing and betterments

#### **Article 1**

**VOTED:** 1) That Thomas Foley, 19 Bradley Woods Drive, be elected a Trustee of the Hingham Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934; and 2) that Paul Chaffee, 27 Westmoreland Road, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectman of Marjorie Mahoney as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service for one year.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Central Fire Station Building Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management

Committee; Council on Aging; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Ice Rink Development Committee; Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; School Building Committee; School Facilities Study Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee and the Water Supply Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the Ice Rink Development Committee and the School Building Committee be discharged with thanks.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2006, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500.00

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.00

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214.00 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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<sup>1</sup> Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

## **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of money stated therefore, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn in is stated.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$451,474 which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 9**

**VOTED:** That in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent only to compensate such inspectors for their services. No moneys shall be spent for wages or salaries of full-time municipal employees. The Building Commissioner shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2007.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 10**

**VOTED:** That subject to the appropriation of \$407,524 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond Bill the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$407,524 as the state's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the resurfacing, maintenance, improvement, design, construction and/or reconstruction of Hingham streets and sidewalks.

### **A Unanimous Vote**



## **Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Waterways Fund to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future dredging of Hingham Harbor, and the Town accept and credit said account with funds from State and Federal Governments for that purpose.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during the fiscal year 2006, or act on anything relating thereto.

**No action taken**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$397,143.54 from available reserves into the Stabilization Fund.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$111,486 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2007 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town rescind the Town Meeting vote adopted under Article 20 and 21 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 26, 2005 and Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 26, 2004 – along with all remaining monies.

**No Action Taken**  
**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$6,787,467 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of architectural and engineering design development, professional fees and construction of buildings for a new consolidated Public Works facility and new athletic fields in the Bare Cove Park School Depot property, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended under the direction of the Public Works Building Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$6,787,467 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**Standing Vote Taken**

**Yes 702**

**No 164**

**Motion Adopted**

## **Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) establish a 2006 School Building Committee consisting of 7 citizens of the Town appointed as follows: two members by the Moderator, two members by the Board of Selectmen and three members by the School Committee, with the chair of said Committee to be jointly designated by the appointing authorities; (2) empower and authorize said Committee to do everything necessary and appropriate to complete design, documentation and bidding for a new elementary school, to complete schematic designs for expansion and renovation of the Middle School, and to complete schematic designs for partial renovations at Foster and Plymouth River Elementary Schools, including, but not limited to, the employment of professionals and the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, as necessary to carry out this project and its finances; and (3) appropriate the sum of \$1,700,000, to be expended under the direction of the 2006 School Building Committee for the foregoing purposes; to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,700,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$23,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Insurance recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use by the School Committee to repair school facilities.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:38 PM**

## **Second Session**

**April 25, 2006**

Registered Voters: 14,925  
Reconvened: 7:13 PM

Attendance: 472

## **Article 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the surcharge on real property of 1.5% of the real estate tax levy against real property, as determined annually by the Town's Board of Assessors, authorized pursuant to the Town's acceptance on April 28, 2001 of sections 3 through 7, inclusive, of c.44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, by reducing the surcharge from 1.5% to .25% or act on anything relating thereto.

**No Action Taken**

**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate (i) \$236,100 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the acquisition by the Hingham Housing Authority, for community housing purposes, of the buildings on Lot 26 on Assessors' Map 190 and the minimum amount of land under and abutting said buildings necessary to conform to regulatory requirements, and authorize and direct said Housing Authority to complete such acquisition, and (ii) \$236,100 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the acquisition by the Hingham Conservation Commission, for conservation purposes, of the remainder of said Lot 26 (said Lot consisting of a total of approximately 3.88 acres), and authorize and direct said Conservation Commission to complete such acquisition.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$405,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for the creation of open space through the demolition and removal of slabs, foundations, cement barriers, railroad tracks and other debris from Bare Cove Park, for landscaping, planting, purchase and installation of picnic benches, picnic tables, fencing and lighting fixtures in the Park, together with associated design fees and costs, and for consultant fees for an environmental resource inventory of and management plan for the Park.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$60,000 and to meet such appropriation transfer from said sum from the previous appropriation to construct a bridge from Whitney Wharf, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for a survey and master plan for a harbor way.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$34,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for restoration of Cushing Pond through chemical weed control or other means.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town (a) appropriate \$120,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee for (i) the restoration of the fence around the perimeter of the Hingham Center Cemetery along Short and School Streets, (ii) an assessment of the condition of the gravestones and monuments in such

Cemetery, and (iii) the restoration of approximately 30 of such gravestones and monuments, and (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire an historic preservation easement with respect to such Cemetery on such terms as such Board deems advisable.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

**2/3rds Declared**

**Motion Adopted**

**Article 25**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$175,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for loans of up to \$30,000 (\$50,000 for historic properties) per household made in accordance with procedures approved by the Community Preservation Committee and the Board of Selectmen to Hingham homeowners meeting income eligibility requirements established by the Housing Authority and approved by the Community Preservation Committee for use by such homeowners for restoration and repair of their homes (including the purchase and installation of handicap accessibility features), such loans to be repaid and returned to the Community Housing Reserve upon the homeowner's sale of the home, and to bear interest payable with such principal repayment at a rate, and to be on such other terms and conditions (including mortgage security), established by the Community Preservation Committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and for legal and administrative fees and expenses associated with such loans.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$500,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for (i) the purchase by the Hingham Conservation Commission, for conservation purposes, of fee interests in or permanent conservation restrictions on approximately 120,000 square feet of Lot 10 on Assessors' Map 137, behind 730 Main Street, such purchase to be in conjunction with the donation to the Hingham Land Conservation Trust of permanent conservation restrictions on terms satisfactory to such Trust and the Community Preservation Committee (the "CPC") on, or of fee interests in, other open space in the general area of 730 Main Street satisfactory to said Trust and the CPC, and (ii) for legal and other expenses of such purchase and donations.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote  
2/3rds Declared  
Motion Adopted**

**Article 27**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for professional fees and costs for the production of fully engineered construction documents for the repair, rehabilitation and improvement of the portion of North Street from its intersection with South Street to Route 3A, as provided in the Downtown Hingham Rehabilitation Plan, adopted by the Selectmen.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town (a) appropriate \$14,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, to complete the restoration of GAR Hall.

**A Majority Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:49 PM**

**Third Session**

**May 1, 2006**

**Registered Voters: 14,925  
Reconvened: 7:05 PM**

**Attendance: 670**

**Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town change the position of Treasurer/Collector from an elected office to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**No Action Taken  
A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 30**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen, for the minimum consideration of \$1.00, to sell, lease or otherwise transfer that parcel of land which was formerly shown as Key 144 on Assessors' Map 60 and is now included in Key 143 on Assessors' Map 60 solely for use for either (a) undeveloped open space, or (b) as a site for the relocation, restoration and/or reconstruction of the existing Hersey House barn, including all required utilities, subject to the applicable regulations and restrictions of the Zoning By-law for the Residence A District and to other applicable Town regulations; said limitations of use to be incorporated into a deed restriction, historic preservation easements related to both the barn and the historic view corridor, and/or such other legal instrument(s) that will assure the longest possible continuation of these limitations; and (2) amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941 as heretofore amended, and the Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham thereunder, by removing from Official and Open Space District and including in Residence District A the parcel of land of approximately 35,566 SF which was formerly shown as Key 144 on Assessors' Map 60 and is now included in Key 143 on Assessors' Map 60.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote  
2/3rds Declared  
Motion Adopted**

## **Article 31**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:  
Item 1: At Section III-G (6) d, remove subsection iii in its entirety and replace it with the following language:

“(iii) Parking for all dwelling units (including, without limitation, dwelling units proposed in newly constructed or reconstructed buildings or in newly constructed stories to existing buildings) shall be located on the same parcel or on a contiguous parcel under common ownership.”

Item 2: At Section III-G (6) d, following the revised subsection iii, insert the following new subsection iv:

“(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for dwelling units proposed in existing stories of existing buildings which, as of December 1, 2003, (a) are at least two stories in height and (b) lack required on-site, off-street

parking to meet the requirements of this Section, the Board of Appeals may grant a waiver to permit the following:

A. Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings, provided that a copy of a written, fully executed and effective lease, with a term of at least one (1) year, permitting use of sufficient parking spaces to comply with this Section for a minimum of overnight parking shall be provided to the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of the Special Permit. For purposes of this Section III-G, "Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings" shall be the provision of parking for dwelling units in a Commercial/Residential Building on land of a third party located within 500' of the benefited parcel (but excluding parcels with single-family or two-family dwellings outside of the Overlay District). The granting of this parking waiver shall require a finding by the Board of Appeals that such lease of parking spaces does not create a violation of the zoning of, parking requirements for existing uses on, or any special permit or variance granted to, the burdened parcel. In addition, the applicant (or its successor) shall be required, as a condition of the issuance of a Special Permit, (i) to certify to the Building Commissioner annually, on the anniversary of the date of the issuance of a Special Permit, that such lease remains in full force and in effect and (ii) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or other termination of such lease, to apply to the Board of Appeals for a modification of its Special Permit which application shall provide for the required parking in another manner consistent with the requirements of this subsection 6(d).

B. Off-site parking in designated resident parking areas of public parking lots, provided that a resident parking permit program or the like is adopted by the Town, and provided that, as a condition of the issuance of the Special Permit, the applicant applies for and presents written evidence to the Board of Appeals and the Building Commissioner of approval by the Town of sufficient resident parking permits to comply with the parking requirements of this Section.

Provision of off-street parking in accordance with the requirements of this Subsection (iv) may be satisfied by any combination of on-site parking and/or alternative parking options described herein, provided, however, that where, prior to the application for a Special Permit under this Section, sufficient off-street parking exists or may be reasonably constructed on-site to satisfy the parking requirements of this Section, such parking shall be located on-site and shall not be eligible for relief under this subsection to allow for alternate parking options.



Item 3: At Section III-G (6) d, renumber the final three subsections that are currently numbered iv, v, and iv (sic), to be v, vi and vii, respectively.

**A 2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote  
2/3rds Declared  
Motion Adopted**

## **Article 32**

### **VOTED:**

#### **Part A**

That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: Delete Section I-G and Section I-H in their entirety and replace them with the following:

#### **"I-G Special Permits with Site Plan Review**

Site plan review is required for all Special Permits designated A2 and A3 in this By-Law or any modifications of a Special Permit A-2 or A-3. Such site plan review is conducted by the Planning Board in accordance with Section I-I.

#### **I-H Building Permits with Site Plan Review**

All building permit applications for work subject to Special Requirement 6 of Section IV-B shall first be submitted to the Planning Board and shall be subject to site plan review. The Planning Board shall review and investigate each such application in accordance with the criteria and standards for site plan review listed in Section I-I."

Item 2: In Section I-I insert after subsection 2 the following new subsection 3 and subsection 4 as set forth below and renumber the previous subsection 3 as subsection 5:

#### **3. Procedures**

Applicants for site plan approval shall submit five (5) copies of the site plan to the Planning Board for review, and shall at the same time also

submit a copy of the site plan to each of the Board of Health, Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department for their advisory review and comments. Notice of a site plan review hearing in connection with any application also requiring a Special Permit A2 from the Board of Appeals shall be given in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 11. The Planning Board shall review and act upon the site plan, with such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, within sixty (60) days of its receipt if public notice is required and forty-five (45) days in all other cases, and notify the applicant of its decision. The decision of the Planning Board shall be by a majority of those present and voting and shall be in writing. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Building Commissioner without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board, or unless 60 days or 45 days, as applicable, lapse from the date of the submittal of the site plan without action by the Planning Board.

- a. Application for Building Permit. An application for a building permit to perform work as set forth in Special Requirement 6 of Section IV-B shall be accompanied by an approved site plan.
- b. Application for Special Permit A2. An application for a Special Permit A2 or any modification of a Special Permit A2 shall be accompanied by an approved site plan; in the alternative, any Special Permit A2 or modification of a Special Permit A2 granted by the Board of Appeals shall contain the following condition: "The work described herein requires the prior approval of a site plan by the Planning Board pursuant to Section I-I of the Zoning By-Law. Any conditions imposed in such site plan approval shall also be conditions of this special permit."
- c. Where the Planning Board approves a site plan with conditions, and said approved site plan accompanies a Special Permit A2 application or modification of a Special Permit A2 to the Board of Appeals, the conditions imposed by the Planning Board shall be incorporated in any Special Permit A2 issued by the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals may add additional conditions to the issuance of a special permit, but may not remove or modify the conditions issued by the Planning Board, except in accordance with subsection 3.f. below.
- d. Application for Special Permit A3. Where the Planning Board serves as the special permit granting authority for proposed work, it shall consolidate its site plan review and special permit procedures.
- e. The applicant may request, and the Planning Board may grant by majority vote, an extension of the time limits set forth herein.
- f. No deviation from an approved site plan shall be permitted without written approval of such modification by the Planning Board. If a deviation is deemed by the Planning Board to be a major modification from the previously approved site plan, the Planning Board may require compliance with notification provisions of this Section 3.

4. Pre-Application Submittal

Applicants are invited to submit a pre-application sketch of the proposed project to the Planning Board and to schedule a comment period at a regular meeting of the Planning Board.

Item 3. Insert after the newly renumbered subsection 5 a new subsection 6 as set forth below and renumber the previous subsection 4 as subsection 7:

“6. Waiver of Technical Compliance

The Planning Board may, upon written request of the applicant, waive any of the requirements of this Section, including the requirement for a public hearing, where the Planning Board determines that the project constitutes a minor site plan. In order to constitute a minor site plan, the proposed work must be limited to interior, non-structural renovations to a building or structure which do not include a change of use for which a Special Permit A2 or A3 is required and/or which do not require a change in the parking or drainage on the site.”

Item 4. Rename the newly renumbered subsection 7 as “Review Standards and Approval” and delete the introductory portion of the first sentence thereof (before paragraph a) and replace it with the following:

“Site Plan approval shall be granted upon determination by the Planning Board that the plan meets the objectives of this Section 7. In reviewing each such application the Planning Board shall study the site plan with reference to the health, safety and welfare of the prospective occupants, the occupants of neighboring properties, and users of the adjoining streets or highways, and the welfare of the Town generally, including its amenities. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions at the expense of the applicant, including performance guarantees, to promote these objectives.

The Planning Board shall limit the proposed development so that its impact on each of the municipal services, ways, utilities and other resources does not exceed its existing design capacity. This limitation shall be imposed upon the proposed development regardless of the intensity of development otherwise permitted by this Zoning By-Law.

In conducting a site plan review, the Planning Board shall consider the following:”

Item 5. In newly renumbered subsection 7, make the following changes:

- (a) in paragraph a, delete the word “seriously”;
- (b) in paragraph f, after the word “resources” add: “, including, without limitation, water supply, wastewater facilities, energy and public works and public safety resources;”
- (c) delete the word “and” at the end of paragraph g;
- (d) in paragraph h, after the word “features” add: “, including minimizing: the volume of cut and fill, the number of removed trees of 6 inches caliper or larger, the removal of stone walls, and the obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; and”
- (e) add after paragraph h, the following new paragraph i:
  - “i. minimizing unreasonable departure from the character and scale of buildings in the vicinity or as previously existing on or approved for the site.”

Item 6. After subsection 7 insert the following new subsections 8 and 9 as follows:

- “8. Lapse  
Site plan approval shall lapse after one year from the grant thereof if a substantial construction or use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause. Such approval may, for good cause, be extended in writing by the Planning Board upon the written request of the applicant.
- 9. Regulations  
The Planning Board may adopt and from time to time amend reasonable regulations for the administration of this Section I-I.

Item 7: At Section V-A Off-Street Parking Requirements:

- (a) Replace the term “Board of Appeals” with the term “Planning Board” wherever it appears;
- (b) In subsections 1 and 3, replace the term “Special Permit A2” with the term “Special Permit A3”;

- (c) In subsection 2, above the "Notes", replace the phrase "parking requirements shall be determined by Special Permit A2" with the phrase "parking requirements shall be determined by Special Permit A3";
- (d) In subsection 4, change the term "Special Permit A2" to "Special Permit A2 or A3"; and

In the last paragraph of subsection 5, change the term "appropriate board" to "Planning Board".

**A 2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote  
2/3rds Declared  
Motion Adopted**

**VOTED:**

Part B

That the Town establish a committee to study the zoning by-law provisions relative to Special Permits and such other related regulatory measures that might be utilized to manage town growth; and the respective roles of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals in approving, denying or conditioning Special Permits or utilizing such other related regulatory measures, in order to determine what changes may be made to improve and strengthen administration of the permit-granting process and promote growth management policies more beneficial to the interests of the Town. The committee, which shall consist of persons knowledgeable about such matters, shall consist of five members appointed, and the chairman designated, by the Moderator; one member of the Planning Board or their designee; and one member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or their designee. The committee, which shall be known as the Zoning Permits Study Committee, shall consider the collective and individual views of these Boards, and members thereof, the views of others in the community, and practices followed in comparable communities, and submit a report to the next annual town meeting, together with their recommended changes, if any.

**A Majority Vote**

### **Article 33**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectman to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation that would exempt the position of Deputy Police Chief from the provisions of the civil service law and rules.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 34**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, regarding removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in Business and Industrial Districts.

**No Action Taken**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town adopt the adjustments under MGL Chapter 59, Sec.5 (41A) as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, which would allow the Town to change the interest rate charged on tax deferrals, to reduce the interest rate from 8% to 4%.

**A Majority Vote**

### **Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town adopt MGL C.59 section 5, which would allow a change in the income and asset limits, for married couples under clause 41C elderly exemptions. To increase the income limit from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and the asset limit from \$30,000 to \$55,000.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorized the Board of Assessors to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the purpose of jointly obtaining consulting and support services for the Town's computerized assessment system.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Town of Hingham, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to amend the restriction contained in the deed from the Town of Hingham to the Hingham Housing Authority dated March 7, 1989, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 9097, Page 158, conveying School Tract II (15.014 acres), which restriction states that "this property is to be used only for a residential educational facility for emotionally disturbed adolescents operated through the Hingham Housing Authority by the South Shore Collaborative or similar entity, or, if required pursuant to MGL c121B §34, by the Massachusetts Executive office of Communities and Development," by adding as an allowable use residential development which includes affordable housing that qualifies for inclusion on the Subsidized Housing Inventory administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

**A 2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Majority Vote**  
**2/3rds Declared**  
**Motion Adopted**

### **Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Hingham Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, section 4A.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 40**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire that portion of the former Naval Ammunition Depot in the Town currently under the control of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and shown as Key 12 and Key 27 on Assessors' Map 46.

**A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 41**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 157 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2005, an Act Relative to Disability Retirement Benefits for Veterans.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 42**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to grant Donald Lincoln retirement service credit for his service time as a Town of Hingham permanent call firefighter in recognition of his unique service to the Town of Hingham.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 43**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to grant Glenn Shaw retirement service credit for his service time as a Town of Hingham permanent call firefighter in recognition of his continued service to the Town of Hingham.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 44**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation establishing the Hingham Shipyard Improvement District, a body politic and corporate, independent from the Town, which will assume all financial liability for the capital and operating costs associated with certain existing, proposed and future public improvements within the boundaries of the district, and be empowered to purchase, own, maintain, construct, reconstruct and operate such public improvements, including streets, parking facilities, sidewalks, water and sewer lines and related facilities, and fiber optic and telecommunications links, to take property within the District by eminent domain, to borrow funds for capital improvements and to assess betterments, assessments and fees in relation thereto and to support operating expenses, to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the District, and to exercise such additional



powers as shall be defined in the special act, a summary of which is available at the office of the Town Clerk; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen are authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 45**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to permit the Central Fire Station at 339 Main Street to connect to the MWRA sewer system.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 46**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to make the following All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses site specific: (1) South Shore Catering Group Inc., South Shore Country Club, 274 South Street, and (2) Linden Ponds Inc., d/b/a Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 47**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue temporary loans for periods greater than 2 years, and allow the Town to charge the Town's actual interest costs to betterment assessments issued by the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:26 PM**

## *Special Town Meeting December 11, 2006*

Registered Voters: 15,068

Attendance: 473

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, December 11, 2006. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., a quorum being present. Andrew J. McElaney was appointed Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Reverend Ken Read-Brown of the Old Ship Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **Article 1**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,539,082 from available reserves, to be expended under the direction of the Central Fire Station Building Committee for professional fees, construction of buildings, additions and/or renovations, and purchasing of equipment and furnishings, for the Central Fire Station, including other costs incidental and related thereto, to carry out this project and its finances.

### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$378,000 from available funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the removal and/or clean up of hazardous material and debris at Bare Cove Park together with other costs incidental and related to carry out this project.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:55 PM**

*Cash Appropriations  
Fiscal Year 2007*

Article 4		
	Personnel Board	\$20,000
Article 5		
	Elected Officials	7,192
Article 6		
General Government		
General Government		
122	Selectmen	
	Payroll	362,958
	Expenses	37,206
	Capital Outlay (traffic signal)	185,000
132	Reserve Fund	420,250
135	Town Accountant	
	Payroll	313,948
	Expenses	58,590
	Capital Outlay	57,000
	Audit	38,000
	Information Technology	74,380
141	Assessors	
	Payroll	251,224
	Expenses	10,870
	Capital Outlay	30,250
	Consulting	7,500
	Map Maintenance	6,000
145	Treasurer/Collector	
	Payroll	235,575
	Expenses	43,813

	Tax Title	10,000
151	Legal Services	140,000
159	Town Meeting	
	Payroll	2,692
	Expenses	26,833
161	Town Clerk	
	Payroll	145,920
	Expenses	6,411
162	Elections	
	Payroll	17,680
	Expenses	14,820
	Capital Outlay	44,450
171	Conservation	
	Payroll	145,612
	Expenses	11,885
175	Planning Board	
	Payroll	104,668
	Expenses	12,145
176	Board of Appeals	
	Payroll	70,269
	Expenses	5,885
177	Bare Cove Park	
	Payroll	13,949
	Expenses	5,760
191	Hersey House	
	Expenses	7,123
192	Town Hall	
	Payroll	148,440
	Expenses	397,004
	Capital Outlay	150,200

(\$150,000 from available reserves)

193	Grand Army Memorial Hall	11,971
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Public Safety

210	Police Department	
	Payroll (Overtime \$310,339)	3,752,202
	Expenses	295,775
	Capital Outlay	279,500
	(\$275,000 from Available reserves)	

220	Fire Department	
	Payroll (Overtime \$259,000)	3,684,377
	Expenses	273,760
	Capital Outlay	219,500
	(\$215,000 from available reserves)	

230	Dispatch Services	
	Payroll (Overtime \$58,457)	446,846
	Expenses	5,600

241	Building Commissioner	
	Payroll	211,943
	Expenses	7,325

244	Weights and Measures	
	Payroll	9,666
	Expenses	1,072

291	Emergency Management	
	Payroll	5,520
	Expenses	3,193

292	Animal Control	
	Payroll	49,904
	Expenses	9,950

295	Harbormaster	
	Payroll	105,016
	Expenses	33,630

299	Public Safety Utilities	
	Emergency Water	297,300
	Street Lighting	140,000
Education		
300	School Department	
	Payroll	25,448,626
	Expenses	6,163,271
	Capital Outlay	353,000
	(\$127,000 from available reserves)	
410	Selectmen's Engineering	20,000
420	Highway/Recreation/Tree & Park	
	Payroll (Overtime \$27,989)	1,515,870
	Expenses	323,633
	Capital Outlay	256,500
	(\$250,000 from available reserves)	
	Snow Removal	225,290
	Resurfacing	306,500
430	Landfill/recycling	
	Payroll (Overtime \$16,391)	388,717
	Expenses	1,088,815
	Capital Outlay (\$38,400 from available reserves)	50,000
440	Sewer Commission	
	Payroll	274,160
	Expenses	178,461
	New Equipment	65,000
	Engineering	10,000
	MWRA Charges	1,228,280
	Debt Service	115,422
	Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	75,000
	\$1,946,323 shall be funded from Sewer Revenue	

Human Services		
510	Health Department	
	Payroll	255,300
	Expenses	19,650
541	Elder Services	
	Payroll	161,014
	Expenses	61,195
	Tax Work Off Program	12,000
543	Veterans' Services	
	Payroll	36,866
	Expenses	6,800
	Benefits	141,000
545	Womansplace Crisis Center	2,500
546	South Shore Women's Center	3,500
Culture and Recreation		
610	Library	
	Payroll	1,064,258
	Expenses	258,138
	Capital Outlay	80,000
	(\$23,000 from available reserves)	
630	Recreation Commission	
	Payroll	151,866
	Expenses	5,239
650	Trustees of Bathing Beach	
	Payroll	17,618
	Expenses	3,075
691	Historical Commission	
	Payroll	30,538

	Expenses	5,585
692	Celebrations	9,500
Enterprise Fund		
720	Country Club	1,445,282
The total of \$1,445,282 shall be funded from Country Club revenue. In addition, the Country Club is authorized to distribute to the General Fund \$400,000 from Retained Earnings.		
710	Maturing Debt-Excluded	5,112,727
Employee Benefits		
900	Contributory Group Insurance	3,618,469
910	Contributory Retirement	2,652,802
911	Non-Contributory Pensions	31,250
912	Workers' Compensation	200,000
913	Unemployment	20,000
914	Mandatory Medicare	420,000
Unclassified		
901	Insurance Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	487,863
904	Claims and Incidentals	
	Claims and Incidentals	13,250
	Greenbush Legal and Consulting	82,113
TOTAL	Article 4, 5, & 6	\$65,174,363



Article 11	
Waterways Fund	30,000
Article 13	
Debt Service	\$111,486
Article 20	
CPC-Open Space	
Town's Conservation Fund (Lot 26-Map 190)	236,100
CPC-Community Housing	
Hingham Housing Authority (Community Housing)	236,100
Article 21	
CPC-Open Space	
Bare Cove Park (creation of open space)	405,000
Article 23	
CPC-Open Space	
Cushing Pond restoration	34,000
Article 24	
CPC-Historic Preservation	
Hingham Centre-restoration of fence & gravestones	120,000
Article 25	
CPC-Community Housing	
Home Repair Loans	175,000
Article 26	
CPC-Open Space	
Purchase Lane-120,000 sq. ft. behind 730 Main St	500,000
Article 27	
CPC-Historic Preservation	
Construction documents for repair of part of North St.	20,000
Article 28	
CPC-Historic Resources	
Restoration GAR Hall	14,000

Total Other Articles	1,881,686
Total Appropriations All Articles	67,056,049
Articles Authorized to be Borrowed	
Article 16	
Public Works facility and new athletic fields	6,787,467
Article 17	1,700,000
New elementary school, designs for expansion & renovation of the Middle School; designs for partial renovations at Foster & Plymouth Rivers Schools	
Total Borrowing	8,487,467
Total Appropriations and Borrowing	75,543,516

**State Election**  
November 6, 2006

SENATOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Edward M. Kennedy	913	932	1038	943	943	1281	6050
Kenneth G. Chase	504	573	573	701	629	806	3786
Blanks	53	62	79	54	50	117	415
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

GOVERNOR  
AND LT GOVERNOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Healey and Hillman	610	681	679	816	753	1016	4555
Patrick and Murray	704	705	818	715	736	990	4668
Mihos and Sullivan	105	113	138	123	91	122	692
Ross and Robinson	25	32	35	22	25	34	173
Blanks	26	36	20	22	17	42	163
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

ATTORNEY GENERAL

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Martha Coakley	952	1004	1067	1035	997	1350	6405
Larry Frisoli	430	470	519	583	544	697	3243
Blanks	88	93	104	80	81	157	603
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

SECRETARY OF STATE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	1090	1146	1177	1224	1170	1562	7369
Jill E. Stein	209	219	281	249	243	325	1526
Blanks	171	202	232	225	209	317	1356
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Timothy P. Cahill	1119	1196	1244	1274	1219	1608	7660
James O'Keefe	169	176	195	197	178	264	1179
Blanks	182	195	251	227	225	332	1412
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

AUDITOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
A. Joseph DeNucci	1047	1100	1147	1211	1155	1525	7185
Rand Wilson	200	217	227	209	211	293	1357
Blanks	223	250	316	278	256	386	1709
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

REP IN CONGRESS

10th District

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
William D. Delahunt	940	979	1029	1020	985	1327	6280
Jeffrey K. Beatty	405	431	485	539	500	648	3008
Peter A. White	63	70	83	64	59	99	438
Blanks	62	87	93	75	78	130	525
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

COUNCILLOR

Fourth District

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Ianella, Jr.	1022	1093	1097	1161	1092	1467	6932
Blanks	448	474	593	537	530	737	3319
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

SENATOR-GENERAL COURT

Plymouth/ Norfolk Dist

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Robert L. Hedlund, Jr.	1053	1078	1132	1201	1092	1361	6917
Stephen A. Lynch	345	406	455	410	446	698	2760
Blanks	72	83	103	87	84	145	574
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

REP IN GENERAL COURT

Third Plymouth District

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley	1184	1286	1345	1358	1274	1664	8111
Blanks	286	281	345	340	348	540	2140
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

# DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## Plymouth District

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Timothy J. Cruz	1061	1138	1153	1259	1162	1541	7314
Blanks	409	429	537	439	460	663	2937
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

# CLERK OF COURTS

## Plymouth County

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Francis R. Powers	809	831	858	846	847	1127	5318
Frederick M. McDermott	475	533	562	631	580	762	3543
Blanks	186	203	270	221	195	315	1390
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

# REGISTER OF DEEDS

## Plymouth District

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
John R. Buckley, Jr.	1056	1114	1101	1185	1108	1486	7050
Blanks	414	453	589	513	514	718	3201
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

# COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## Plymouth County

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Timothy J. McMullen	499	569	560	569	549	799	3545
John P. Cafferty	685	743	803	840	787	984	4842
Thomas Jones	43	36	42	33	33	43	230
Blanks	243	219	285	256	253	378	1634
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

## Ballot Question 1

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Yes	552	585	653	666	574	807	3837
No	836	922	932	969	967	1278	5904
Blanks	82	60	105	63	81	119	510
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

Ballot Question 2

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Yes	460	472	517	492	466	598	3005
No	905	968	1011	1051	1026	1388	6349
Blanks	105	127	162	155	130	218	897
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

Ballot Question 3

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Yes	577	586	614	589	584	798	3748
No	779	846	915	966	911	1162	5579
Blanks	114	135	161	143	127	244	924
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

Ballot Question 4

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Yes	418	442	464	413	420	627	2784
No	986	1052	1154	1235	1149	1416	6992
Blanks	66	73	72	50	53	161	475
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

Ballot Question 5

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Yes	760	796	833	790	785	1027	4991
No	593	610	684	759	704	908	4258
Blanks	117	161	173	149	133	269	1002
Total	1470	1567	1690	1698	1622	2204	10251

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**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
<b>Edward M. Kennedy</b>	448	427	482	422	401	621	<b>2801</b>
Blanks	103	114	131	138	117	190	<b>793</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**GOVERNOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Christopher F. Gabrieli</b>	171	166	188	206	156	263	<b>1150</b>
<b>Deval L. Patrick</b>	279	260	343	272	272	383	<b>1809</b>
<b>Thomas F. Reilly</b>	98	110	79	80	87	162	<b>616</b>
Blanks	3	5	3	2	3	3	<b>19</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Deborah B. Goldberg</b>	163	162	176	151	143	239	<b>1034</b>
<b>Timothy P. Murray</b>	184	194	198	188	215	287	<b>1265</b>
<b>Andrea C. Silbert</b>	143	136	171	152	117	208	<b>926</b>
Blanks	61	49	68	69	43	77	<b>367</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Martha Coakley</b>	425	438	464	417	388	605	<b>2737</b>
Blanks	126	103	149	143	130	206	<b>857</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>William Francis Galvin</b>	421	419	423	405	378	613	<b>2659</b>
<b>John Bonifaz</b>	63	49	88	67	73	94	<b>434</b>
Blanks	67	73	102	88	67	104	<b>501</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**TREASURER**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Timothy P. Cahill</b>	413	422	444	408	381	609	<b>2677</b>
Blanks	138	119	169	152	137	202	<b>917</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**AUDITOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>A. Joseph DeNucci</b>	395	398	402	387	362	591	<b>2535</b>
Blanks	156	143	211	173	156	220	<b>1059</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**REP IN CONGRESS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>William D. Delahunt</b>	448	437	473	428	397	638	<b>2821</b>
Blanks	103	104	140	132	121	173	<b>773</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**COUNCILLOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.</b>	365	383	378	348	330	533	<b>2337</b>
Blanks	186	158	235	212	188	278	<b>1257</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>



**GENERAL COURT**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Stephen A. Lynch</b>	286	241	278	253	232	393	<b>1683</b>
<b>Matthias J. Mulvey</b>	145	188	164	164	189	239	<b>1089</b>
Blanks	120	112	171	143	97	179	<b>822</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN  
GENERAL COURT**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Garrett J. Bradley</b>	450	463	503	446	417	650	<b>2929</b>
Blanks	101	78	110	114	101	161	<b>665</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	551	541	613	560	518	811	<b>3594</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**CLERK OF COURTS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Francis R. Powers</b>	321	328	325	327	311	490	<b>2102</b>
<b>Mark Adams</b>	64	74	84	59	64	99	<b>444</b>
Blanks	166	139	204	174	143	222	<b>1048</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>John R. Buckley, Jr.</b>	346	367	351	352	334	523	<b>2273</b>
Blanks	205	174	262	208	184	288	<b>1321</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Timothy J. McMullen</b>	175	186	178	167	167	257	<b>1130</b>
<b>Lisa C. Clark</b>	144	135	166	149	150	218	<b>962</b>
<b>Robert Sullivan</b>	63	75	50	60	53	110	<b>411</b>
Blanks	169	145	219	184	148	226	<b>1091</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3594</b>
<b>Total</b>							

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**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
<b>Kenneth G. Chase</b>	29	26	32	32	36	41	<b>196</b>
<b>Kevin P. Scott</b>	17	17	14	13	19	25	<b>105</b>
Blanks	13	5	6	6	10	13	<b>53</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0		0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**GOVERNOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
<b>Kerry Healey</b>	47	42	42	41	58	64	<b>294</b>
Blanks	9	6	10	10	7	15	<b>57</b>
Write-Ins	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
<b>Reed V. Hillman</b>	41	39	40	39	56	57	<b>272</b>
Blanks	18	9	12	12	9	22	<b>82</b>
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
<b>Larry Frisoli</b>	41	38	42	35	46	58	<b>260</b>
Blanks	18	10	10	16	19	21	<b>94</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	48	52	51	65	79	354
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**TREASURER**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	48	52	51	65	79	354
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**AUDITOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	48	52	51	65	79	354
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**REP IN CONGRESS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Jeffrey K. Beatty</b>	41	32	42	37	48	57	257
Blanks	18	16	10	14	17	22	97
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**COUNCILLOR**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	48	52	51	65	79	354
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**GENERAL COURT**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Robert L. Hedlund</b>	51	47	47	49	53	70	<b>317</b>
Blanks	8	1	5	2	12	9	<b>37</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN  
GENERAL COURT**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	45	52	50	63	78	<b>347</b>
Write-Ins <b>(Bob Green)</b>	0	3	0	1	2	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Timothy. J. Cruz</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>293</b>
Blanks	15	3	9	9	11	14	<b>61</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**CLERK OF COURTS**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
<b>Frederick M. McDermott</b>	40	34	43	37	46	60	<b>260</b>
Blanks	19	14	9	14	19	19	<b>94</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	48	52	51	65	79	<b>354</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Olly deMacedo</b>	38	34	40	37	44	57	<b>250</b>
Blanks	21	14	12	14	21	22	<b>104</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>354</b>

# Town Election

## April 29, 2006

### MODERATOR

For ONE Year	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	389	381	456	390	408	420	2444
Blanks	86	87	114	88	94	115	584
Write-Ins	3	4	3	2	2	4	18
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

### SELECTMAN

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Mathew MacIver	171	177	239	212	237	319	1355
Paul J. O'Donnell	25	20	19	25	19	41	149
Russell C. Reeves	3	21	6	9	8	14	61
John A. Riley	262	240	300	220	223	146	1391
Blanks	16	13	6	14	17	19	85
Write-Ins	1	1	3	0	0	0	5
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

### ASSESSOR

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Robert H. Kurtz	342	335	375	335	359	382	2128
Blanks	136	133	195	143	145	153	905
Write-Ins	0	4	3	2	0	4	13
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

#### TOWN CLERK

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Eileen A. McCracken	401	405	466	388	422	421	2503
Blanks	76	65	107	92	81	112	533
Write-ins	1	2	0	0	1	6	10
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Peter B. Bickford	377	382	438	384	395	402	2378
Blanks	96	86	134	95	105	135	651
Write-Ins	5	4	1	1	4	2	17
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

#### LIGHT BOARD

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	368	386	413	367	381	392	2307
Blanks	110	84	159	109	122	144	728
Write-Ins	0	2	1	4	1	3	11
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For THREE Years- TWO	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Linda K. Hill	315	306	372	331	348	355	2027
Barbara J. Cook	257	269	298	251	289	283	1647
Blanks	380	367	473	378	366	434	2398
Write-Ins	4	2	3	0	5	6	20
Total	956	944	1146	960	1008	1078	6092



PLANNING BOARD

For FIVE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
W. Tod McGrath	341	346	392	344	357	374	2154
Blanks	134	123	176	131	146	159	869
Write-Ins	3	3	5	5	1	6	23
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

PLANNING BOARD

For ONE Year	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Michael P. Connelly	98	158	117	120	145	128	766
Ian M. Ratner	17	32	25	20	18	21	133
Judith S. Sneath	196	157	279	195	188	173	1188
Lee Vigil	142	102	110	103	106	168	731
Blanks	25	23	41	42	47	48	226
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

SEWER  
COMMISSION

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Michael A. Salerno	347	341	387	339	376	373	2163
Blanks	128	128	184	137	128	163	868
Write-Ins	3	3	2	4	0	3	15
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

RECREATION  
COMM

For FIVE Years	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Francis G. Jones	303	233	279	225	265	290	1595
Katie M. Kellem	129	200	221	212	195	201	1158
Blanks	44	39	72	43	44	47	289
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

QUESTION 1

	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	76	70	67	70	75	93	451
Yes	195	199	241	178	199	208	1220
No	207	203	265	232	230	238	1375
Total	478	472	573	480	504	539	3046

## *Building Department*

### Fees Collected

1,008	Building Permits	1,470,821.
578	Plumbing Permits	94,473.
435	Gas Permits	15,054.
1,094	Electrical Permits	191,708.
<u>119</u>	Municipal Inspection Fees	<u>4,190.</u>
3,234		1,776,246.

### SUMMARY

### Estimated Cost

34	New Sing. Fam. Dwellings	11,592,200.
3	Multi Family Residences	46,562,916.
	(121 + 978 + 122, Total of 340 Units)	
210	Dwelling Additions	22,385,757.
432	Dwelling Alterations	6,978,623.
65	Commercial Alterations	6,651,307.
3	Commercial Additions	1,941,775.
42	Sheds	2,476,003.
11	Garage Additions	2,864,330.
6	Foundations Only	182,500.
51	Signs	145,372.
3	Pools (above ground)	11,400.
11	Pools (in ground)	338,147.
14	Chimneys	127,618.
11	Wood/Coal Stoves	27,915.
28	Demolitions	213,500.
30	Demolitions (non-residential)	216,200.
1	Office, Bank, Professional –Building	595,000.
1	Wharf Alteration's	50,000.
41	Temporary Tents	60,000.
2	Rec. Building	13,491,772.
1	New Structures other than Building	775,000.
2	Retaining Wall/Fence	180,000.
4	Antennae	168,000.
<u>2</u>	Miscellaneous O/S	<u>20,580.</u>
1,008		118,055,742.

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*These next few years will prove not only exciting for Hingham with its many new projects as well as challenging for the Building Department and it's staff. We look forward to working with the community providing information and support.*

Richard E. Morgan  
Building Commissioner

## *Hingham Conservation Commission*

*The Conservation Commission held 165 public hearings in 2006 while administering the State Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hingham Wetland Bylaw. This increased number of hearings over previous years is due primarily to the fact that more marginal land is looked at for development. Those projects approved during the hearing process are then monitored throughout their build out which can run from months to years.*

This year a number of individuals donated open land to the town to be held under the stewardship of the Commission. The largest of these gifts, which totaled over 13 acres, were the 5-acre parcel donated by the late Gertrude Higgins, which is now included in Moore-Brewer Park, and 3 parcels near Accord Pond donated by Paul Higgins. Hingham's conservation lands now total 1038 acres. New signs have been erected this year on a number of the larger holdings with more signs planned for 2007.

The staff, which includes W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer, Linda Defreitas, Secretary, and the Part Time Assistant to the Conservation Officer Michele Simoneaux, was increased when Abigail Childs was hired to assume the duties as the new full time Assistant Conservation Officer. Funding for additional staffing was made possible from the Wetland filing fees account, which can be used in administering the State Wetland Protection Act.

### **Conservation Commission**

Mark Milton, Chairman  
Samuel Chapin, Vice Chairman  
Eugene Babin  
Sean Coleman

Doug Harvey  
Kenneth Soltys  
Benjamin Spruill

## *Personnel Board*

*All six traditional bargaining units have contracts that expire on June 30, 2007, and the Board is preparing to negotiate new contracts.*

Additional issues addressed by the Board included the adjudication of union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level regarding overtime pay and seniority.

In other actions, the Board approved the reclassification of the existing positions of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, Tree and Parks Supervisor, Staff Accountant, Building Maintenance Supervisor and Recycling and Transfer Station Supervisor. The Board approved the Park Maintenance/Ranger, Assistant Conservation Officer, and Golf Course Superintendent position descriptions. The Board approved the hiring of three people at salaries above the minimum step for the positions involved based on prior experience. These positions are the Director of Recreation, Assistant Conservation Officer and Golf Course Superintendent.

The Board worked with the various Department Heads in addressing a total of seven vacation carry-over requests.

In anticipation of Jim Claypoole's completion of his service to our Board and the Town, the Personnel Board thanks Mr. Claypoole for his commitment to our work, his judgment and his keen insights.

Michael J. Puzo, Chairman  
Marie Harris  
James E. Claypoole  
William D. MacGillivray  
Nelson Ross

## *Hingham Planning Board*

*The past year was marked by significant transition* for the Planning Board. In February, 2006, John Riley, the Planning Board's longest serving member, stepped down after 21 years of service to run for and then serve as a member of the Board of Selectmen. New member Judy Sneath was elected from an outstanding field of candidates to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Riley's departure. Later in the year, Tod McGrath, who joined the Planning Board in 2000, was tapped to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Board and Board of Selectmen jointly selected Gary Tondorf-Dick to fill this vacancy until the elections in the spring of 2007, at which time he will run for the position. The Planning Board offers their heartfelt thanks to the departing members for their valuable service to the Town, and wholeheartedly welcomes their newest members.

The Board considered three amendments to the Zoning By-Law at the 2006 Town Meeting. The most significant of these was an article to give the Planning Board the authority to issue binding conditions when conducting Site Plan Review for Special Permit A-2 projects. Up to this point the Planning Board's recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals when conducting Site Plan Review had been only advisory.

The Board reviewed and ultimately endorsed 17 Form A or "Approval Not Required" plans of land for land swaps, lot line changes, and land divisions. Definitive Subdivision Approval was issued for Weathervane at Chestnut Garden on Beal Street, the second such Flexible Residential Development project approved since the By-Law was amended to permit such projects in 2001. The Board continues to oversee construction of a variety of ongoing projects, including Christina Estates at Baker Hill, Ridgewood Crossing Flexible Residential Development, and several smaller subdivisions. The Board conducted 16 Site Plan Review hearings for a wide variety of new projects, including the Central Fire Station, the DPW Facility and Athletic Fields proposed for Beal Street, and the new location of the Hingham Federal Credit Union, as well as modifications to previously approved Special Permit projects for the Back River Condominiums, the Boston Golf Club and others. Finally, the Board deliberated on five applications for Special Permits A3 for relief from off street parking requirements.

Planning Board members have played an active role as board designees to several committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, the Traffic Committee, the Zoning Permit Study Committee, the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission and Wastewater Management Planning Committee.

At the time of writing this report, the Board is engaged in the Site Plan Review process for two proposed amendments to the Mixed Use Special Permit for the Hingham Shipyard, originally approved in 2003. The first of these amendments would affect the site plan and layout for of the 150, for-sale units planned by the Roseland Property Company for the northeast portion of the Shipyard site. The other modification entails significant changes in the uses and layout of the western portion of the site to be developed by the Samuels Company. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals have been holding joint hearings on these two proposed amendments, which have proved to be very productive for a project of this scale. The Planning Board is confident that the continued close collaboration of the two boards will result in the best possible development outcomes for the residents of Hingham.

Sarah H. Corey  
Paul K. Healey  
Susan Murphy  
Judith Sneath  
Gary Tondorf-Dick



## *Zoning Board of Appeals*

*The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and seven associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.*

2006 was a very busy year for the Board. A total of fifty-eight applications were received, resulting in ninety-one hearings. The Board granted thirty-two residential Variances. Projects included new construction/additions/reconstruction to dwellings and garages, sheds, fences and conversion of garages to living space. The Board also approved a height Variance for the renovation and construction of an addition to the Central Fire Station on Main Street. Also approved were Variances for the building of 45 townhomes (including 5 affordable units) by Back River, LLC. This project was also granted Variances and Special Permits to redevelop the existing town athletic fields, including the construction of a new field house and associated appurtenances. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law.

The Board heard applications on thirty-two Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the special permit, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the By-Law. Among those approved were the construction of a new veterinary hospital for Old Derby Animal Clinic off of Recreation Park Drive, The Upper Crust pizzeria on South Street and the construction of a new DPW facility and Town outdoor athletic complex on land commonly referred to as School Tract IV, a portion of Bare Cove Park and School Tract I. The Board also approved numerous requests for signs, including Derby Shoppes South on Derby Street, Old Ship Church Parish Hall on Main Street and free standing Development and Directory signs as part of the mixed use re-development of the Hingham Shipyard.

Appeals are reviews of the decisions or orders of zoning officials by the Board of Appeals. The Board may uphold, reverse or modify the official's decision. The Board heard two Appeals in 2006. Downing Street neighbors appealed the lack of enforcement action with regards to the 1987 zoning decision concerning the athletic fields at Hingham High School. This Appeal was granted. Abutters appealed the issuance of a building permit for the construction of a new dwelling on Howard Road. This Appeal was denied.



In November longtime Planning Board member Tod McGrath resigned from the Planning Board and was appointed a regular member of the board, replacing Mario Romania, Jr., who was appointed an associate member. 2006 also saw the resignation of two long-time board members: Victor Baltera and James Broderick. The Board wishes to express it's gratitude to Mario, Victor and Jim for their professionalism and willingness to share their expertise during their many years of dedicated service to the town.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its' hearings which are held on Thursday evenings at Town Hall.

SUMMARY

Applicants:	58	
Hearings:	91	
Special Permits:	32	(2 granted, 24 granted with conditions, 3 denied, 2 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Variances:	47	(17 granted, 21 granted with conditions, 1 denied, 7 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Appeals:	2	(1 granted, 1 denied)
Comprehensive Permits:	1	(1 modification granted with conditions)

Victor A. Popp, Chairman  
Stephen J. McLaughlin, Vice-Chairman  
W. Tod McGrath, Clerk

Jane Santosuosso, Zoning Administrator

## *Department of Public Works*

*The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks, and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.*

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park, and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring, maintenance, and closure of the Town's former Sanitary Landfill.

### **Highway Division**

Roadwork and Reconstruction: Reclamation and Repaving: French Street, Ward Street (portion of), and Squirrel Hill Lane; Resurfacing: Cherry Street, Weir Street (portion of); Sidewalk Replacement: French Street.

Snow and Ice Control: (40" of snow): (16) Snowplow Operations, (19) Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: Highway brand Slide In Sander.

Special Projects/Maintenance: In the fall of 2005 we began the long anticipated reconstruction of Hingham Square. Work in 2006 included roadway reconstruction and surfacing, sidewalk reconstruction, and the installation of trees, lights, curbing and other appurtenances. We anticipate it will take at least two more years to complete this project, which will ultimately include reconstruction of the Station Street Parking Lot and the final disposition of the tunnel cap. Other special projects include the repair and replacement of the Gardner Street Culvert at Accord Pond and the completion of the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Cronin Field.

Tree and Park Division:

Tree Plantings: 73; Tree Removals: 139

Special Projects/Maintenance:

On-going maintenance includes the upkeep of two nurseries and the George Washington Town Forest, corrective tree work including pruning, cabling, spraying, and when required, removal of trees throughout Town. We maintain approximately 150 parks and traffic islands, over 1,000 acres of park/and open space, and over 10,000 public shade trees throughout the Town. We also provide assistance to various other boards, departments and committees.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a Kousa Dogwood that we planted at the Hingham Public Library as part of our Annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 18<sup>th</sup> time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees. We are fortunate to have both a Massachusetts Certified Arborist as well as an ISA Certified Arborist on staff allowing us to carry out our duties with a high level of professionalism, knowledge, and expertise. We feel our staff's knowledge and experience is truly an asset to the Town, and we are glad to answer questions regarding the tree and shrub care and maintenance.

Recreation Division:

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds, and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area, and numerous other public grounds, areas, and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees, and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. Working with the Highway Division and several private contractors we reconstructed, painted, and lined the tennis courts at Cronin Field. Other special projects include the cleanup and clearing along Downer Avenue and maintenance work in Bare Cove Park.

New Equipment: Two 12' Toro Triple Deck Mowers

Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility:

Last year we transferred 7,662 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,402 tons of bulky waste and demolition to the Bourne Landfill. Hingham residents recycled

2,498 tons of mixed recyclables, 6,941 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 15 Tons of tires, 4,650 gallons of motor oil, 156,000 pounds of electronics, and handled 415 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 185,044 cans and 5,964 plastic bottles for a total of \$12,233 to 17 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment, and helps our youth organizations.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

Interdepartmental:

We are happy to welcome new employees, Janice Whelan, Laborer/Heavy Equipment Operator, Robert (Bruce) Smith, Skilled Laborer, and Derek Olsson, Temporary Laborer.

We continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services without the benefit of adequate buildings or facilities, and we look forward to the time when the entire departmental operation is fully consolidated in one central location.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to thank and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

Joseph Stigliani,  
Superintendent

## *Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant*

*I am very pleased to submit this report* to the citizens of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant on behalf of the Light Board, the General Manager and the employees of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant.

The Light Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electrical system to all of its customers. The three-member elected Light Board sets policies, procedures and long term planning with the customers of Hingham in mind.

The Light Board has voted to transfer to the Town a payment-in-lieu of taxes of \$474,048 to the Town's fiscal 2007 budget year. This past year the Light Plant completed the comprehensive energy audit program of all the municipal buildings by auditing the Town Hall and the South Shore Country Club. The audit reports and recommendations have been submitted to the Town for their review and implementation.

At this time, the Auditor's report for the 2006 calendar year for Hingham Municipal Light Plant is not available for publication. The Light Plant experienced a 1% increase in electricity sales for 2006, even with the weather causing most utilities to show a decrease in sales. The system peak load increased by 8% to 48.9 MW. These increases are due to the tremendous growth that the Town of Hingham is recognizing. The additional buildings in Linden Ponds, the construction of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield building and the slight increase in residential sales have lead to this tremendous need for energy.

The growth necessitated the expansion of the Hobart Street substation, which was completed in early June, in time for the summer energy requirements of the Town. This project was completed early and slightly under-budget. This expansion has provided enough capacity to cover the requirements associated with the growth in Town

The Light Plant continues to invest in the electrical system in the Town to maintain its prime mission of reliable electric service. This year was exceptional with respect to the performance of the electrical system. The reliability statistics of the Light Plant are well above average and in the first quartile of performance in the industry.

The Light Plant, in conjunction, with the Hingham Emergency Management Committee sent an informative newsletter to every home in Hingham, discussing emergency situations, preparations for particular conditions and emergency contact information should the need arise.

The Light Plant was successful in negotiating a power supply contract that allowed the base rate to be reduced in the early spring by 3%. The Light Plant also entered into a life of unit contract with Braintree Electric, who is building a new power plant. Hingham and six other municipal utilities are involved in the project, which will give the utilities a protection against rising costs of power by owning a portion of the new power plant.

The Light Plant was involved in litigation against the Fore River Power Plant in Weymouth which resulted in a savings to Hingham customers of \$7.2 million dollars over 5 years, that the power plant owners wanted to collect from Hingham ratepayers for the plant being available.

The Light Board consisting of Chairman John A. Stoddard, Jr., Secretary Walter A. Foskett, and Commissioner Kevin J. Bulman, continues to work hard to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that the residents of Hingham can be proud of.

We would like to also thank the employees of the Light Plant for their tireless hard work, in making the system more reliable and responding to customer outages and requests in a timely manner. The employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the company.

John G. Tzimirangas  
General Manager

Walter A. Foskett., Chairman  
Kevin J. Bulman, Secretary  
John A. Stoddard, Jr., Commissioner  
Hingham Municipal Light Board

## *Sewer Commission*

*Work on Phase I*, the fact-finding portion, of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan was completed and included several meetings of the Wastewater Master Planning Committee and two public hearings. This study will define the course of wastewater disposal in the town for many years to come. Phase II, proposed actions and solutions, is now underway. More public meetings will be held to hear citizen opinions. All interested parties are urged to attend.

An updated study to find infiltration and inflow leaks in the sewer system was completed with MWRA funding. The last analysis was conducted twenty years ago. A number of manholes are undergoing rehabilitation to remove this extraneous water. Further repairs to system mains and lines will be carried out in the coming year.

The Commission's engineers, Camp, Dresser, and McKee continued to closely monitor the impact of the Greenbush project on the downtown portion of the sewer system. Greenbush has funded a new pump station and force main which have been installed at Central and Lincoln Streets.

The Shipyard project is underway and the Commission has completed an agreement to receive 1.2 million dollars in connection fees over the life of the project to be used for Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) removal as well as major repairs to the system.

Removal of 47 drain connections to the sewer system to remove inflow was carried out in Wompatuck State Park. In addition, the Walton Cove station was substantially renovated with a new emergency generator, two new pumps, and replacement of pipe connections to the sewer main.

The Commission continues to require that no sump pump generated groundwater inflow be discharged to the sewer system and, as part of our ongoing I&I elimination program, advises that **we will pay** to redirect the flow from any existing pumps.

As always the Commission expresses its thanks for the dedication of our office staff and field crew, Jim Dow, Kate Lathrop, Ed Hunnefeld, Steve Dempsey, Larry Hallahan, Joanne Carpenter and Susan Morrison.

John M. Brandt, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Michael A. Salerno



## *Department of Emergency Management*

*Emergency Management continues to be active.* During 2005 we updated our special needs records of all Hingham's residents. These are records we keep to assist us with emergency planning during long-term events. If you have a special need that requires attention, I strongly urge you to contact us.

As a result of a presidential directive requiring all public safety agencies to operate under a unified command system, the Board of Selectmen voted to formally adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Operating under the NIMS protocols standardizes our command policies and procedures with the rest of the country.

We continue to take advantage of the training that is offered to us from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I continue to recommend each and every family have a disaster supply kit available in your homes. The kit should include everything necessary to support yourself and family for three days in the event of a major weather event or long-term power outage. Please feel free to contact Emergency Management should you require help in assembling the kit.

Mark J. Duff, Director



## *Fire Department*

*The total number of emergency responses for 2006 was 3594. This includes 86 fires, 1979 Rescue and Emergency Medical Responses, 423 Alarm Activations, and 283 Investigations. Our ambulances provided mutual aid to surrounding communities 297 times and we received mutual aid 58 times. Fire apparatus provided aid to surrounding communities 36 times. Over 1500 patients were transported to local hospitals by our two ALS Ambulances. Boston Med-Flight was used several times when it became necessary to transport patients to a Level One Trauma Center. Carbon Monoxide calls are on the increase as most of our residents have complied with the new State Law requiring CO detectors in Single Family Dwellings. I strongly suggest that if you have not purchased carbon monoxide detectors for your home, to do so. We have had several incidents in Hingham where high levels of CO have been detected by newly installed detectors that have alerted families to the dangers of CO and thereby prevented tragedy. If you need assistance with what is required in your home, please do not hesitate to call us. Also remember that your smoke detectors require maintenance and battery replacement. We recommend that you replace your smoke detectors every ten years. Our Fire Prevention Division continues to be extremely busy with all of the building that is going on throughout the community. 774 permits were issued and over 1000 inspections were conducted.*

In January, retired Chief C. Warren Lincoln passed away. Chief Lincoln served the department as Chief from 1971 to 1977. He was appointed to the department as a permanent Firefighter in 1941. Chief Lincoln never lost his interest, support and dedication to the department and the community.

In April, E. Gardner Jones passed away. Gardner served as a Call Firefighter for many years but more importantly served as our Chief Chaplain. With his 60 plus years of service to the Hingham Fire Department, it was determined that he was the longest serving Fire Department Chaplain in the United States. This resulted in a Presidential Citation.

Retired Firefighter C. Robert Hall also passed away during 2006. "Bobby" served the department for over thirty-two years and retired in 1988.

Firefighter William Schneider retired in July after serving the town for 31 years. Firefighter Schneider leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates and was given a wonderful send off at the Annual Fourth of July parade!

In July, our new Engine Three went into service at the South Fire Station. Engine Three is a carbon copy of Engine Two, which is located at the North Station. Having two engines that are completely standardized makes operation, training and maintenance considerably simpler, safer and cost effective. We have ordered a new replacement ambulance for Medic Three, which is expected to be delivered in February of 2007. This new vehicle is again a like vehicle to Medic Two.

The special town meeting in November approved additional funding for the expansion and renovation of the Central Fire Station. I am confident that we are moving in the right direction and that the new facility will meet the Administrative, Training, Maintenance and Emergency Management needs of Hingham as well as continuing to provide fire protection in Center Hingham. We began moving out of the station in December. My staff did an excellent job in coordinating the move and a considerable sum of money was saved by the firefighters who performed the work. All of us are looking forward to reoccupying the building.

Several newly appointed firefighters attended recruit training classes at both the Quincy and Weymouth Fire Academies. This was a wonderful opportunity for our firefighters to receive high quality basic training locally. A sincere thank you to those departments and their training staffs for allowing us to take advantage of their facilities.

The addition of the second ambulance, which went on line in April of 2005, has met and exceeded expectations and reduced our dependency on mutual aid considerably. It has also provided considerable flexibility in overall department operations.

Eleven new members were added to our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) group after having participated in the required training. This brings the total number of CERT members to 20.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the Town departments who work with us and beside us throughout the year. Hingham is very fortunate to have such great interagency cooperation and that cooperation is recognized throughout the area!

Mark J. Duff  
Fire Chief

## *Hingham Police Department*

*While we respond to our ever-expanding and changing role* within the Town we are straining to deliver seamless services. Reducing the strain will be accomplished through improved communications interoperability, data interoperability, and additional resources to enable the department to redeploy to meet the emerging needs of the Town of Hingham.

Our communications and computer systems are woefully inadequate to meet current needs let alone the demands of this new era. A number of computer and communication components have been in place since 1994. The communications and computer referred to are for the delivery of all public safety services within the ten (10) core disciplines of emergency management.

The hiring of additional personnel is critical. The new development throughout the Town has created different and more complex geographic zones. Greenbush was, until recently, a non-issue. Now it is a new area of responsibility, a 'transportation corridor,' with numerous security and safety issues. Linden Ponds is demographically unique and requires a differential police response. Derby Shoppes is another zone requiring different mitigation techniques as will the shipyard development with its hundreds of thousands of square feet of retail to go along with nearly 500 new dwellings. Add those to all the other developments and the picture is one we are familiar with: more equals more. The impact to the police department is no small thing. Our needs projection indicates we will need 60 police officers prior to 2010. We are currently authorized 51.

### PLANNING:

Emergency management needs interoperable communications as a top priority joined at the hip by data interoperability. In an emergency setting, or multiple incident setting, emergency management must be able to communicate with all its partners: Health, Schools, DPW, Fire, Police, Administration, contiguous communities and their emergency management partners. In an event, data and the collection assimilation and retrieval of data within an event is time sensitive. Our ability to data mine is critical to event mitigation.

Resource allocation and development is a plan to provide adequate personnel to respond to the Town's needs. Development of our resources (personnel) is of the utmost importance, whether it is for technical proficiencies, resource management or leadership preparation. Our most valued resource is our people and we are tasked with putting them in a position to succeed.

#### TRAINING:

A comprehensive funding package to effectively provide for the Department's varied development needs. Cross training among departments is a requirement that should not be overlooked as well as in-service refreshers designed to keep skills and knowledge fresh. Funding an annual training event/exercise to develop and determine the Town's readiness should also be budgeted. Training initiatives focus should be towards the participants' ability to respond to minor as well as major events with confidence.

Central to the continued success of the department is a comprehensive training agenda designed to prepare personnel for their next professional step within the organization. We have started the process but need the continued support of the town if we are to put people in position to succeed. A close examination of the leadership of this organization and one realizes that the five-year plan commencing with FY 2007 may be in place but a significant number of today's leaders may not be here in five years. That is why it is vital for an accelerated succession training program be put in place now.

This department outlined an aggressive program designed to do just that within three (3) years. After the first three years the number of participants will be scaled back as the urgent needs to position personnel will have abated. The need to prepare people will always be there but the numbers will fall off dramatically as we will be able to do the same trainings annually with fewer people since the predictable rate of attrition will level off.

#### TRAFFIC-SAFETY:

We are all too familiar with traffic issues within the Town. The Greenbush line and roadway re-configurations present new challenges for the Department. Crash investigation and mitigation is of primary importance to the Town for engineering, educational and enforcement reasons. Skilled crash investigators need sufficient competence to truly investigate the causes of crashes from a forensic perspective. Funding to support traffic crash investigator training is needed as well as maintenance funds for specialty skills already in place.

#### COMMUNITY-INVOLVEMENT:

Our core competency has been our positive interaction with the citizens of the Town and its visitors. 2007 will mark the 'official' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hingham Police Department. Prior to August 12, 1907 the police were directly under the command and control of the Board of Selectmen and were not 'organized.' The history of policing in Hingham is important to note as we approach 100 years. That part of our history reflects the values of the Town and as the Town 'grew' so did the police. The

Hingham Police Department is looking for volunteers and financial assistance in celebrating 100 years. Those of you with photos, newspapers clippings, and memorabilia are asked to assist us.

We hope to celebrate with as many of the townspeople as can attend on Sunday, August 12, 2007 on the athletic fields to the rear of the Town Offices.

**TRANSITION:**

Your police department needs your continued support. We have identified our needs. Our successful transition to fulfill our obligations rests with you, the townspeople.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

On behalf of the men and women of the Hingham Police Department.

I extend my thanks and appreciation for assistance, support and guidance during the previous year to the Board of Selectmen, Charles Cristello our Town Administrator, the Advisory Board, including the Public-Safety sub-Committee and the Capital Outlay Committee as well as the Personnel Board and Dave Basler, Human Resource Director.

Thank you also to Harbormaster John Souther, Deputy Harbormaster Ken Corson and their assistants for another successful boating season.

Thank you Al Currie, our Animal Control Officer.

Thank you to our Public Safety Dispatchers who are the vital communications link between public safety and the community.

Unnoticed perhaps, but certainly not unappreciated, are the women of the second floor, Lynn Phillips, Karen Hewitt and Marietta Malone who I wish to thank for their efforts in 2006.

And to the foundation upon which the department rests, the men and women police officers for the Town of Hingham thank you. Your compassion, diligence and strength of character I thank you for demonstrating to the community you serve.

Steven D. Carlson  
Chief of Police

*Traffic Safety Division*

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS ISSUED: 3345

Warnings (No Fine) .....	1736
Civil (Fine) .....	1070
Arrests (Motor Vehicle Stop) .....	311
Criminal (Summons to Court) .....	192
Voids .....	36

PARKING TAGS ISSUED..... 834

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DATA

TOTAL ACCIDENTS..... 561

No Injury .....	442
With Injury .....	119
Fatal .....	0

OCCUPANTS INVOLVED

Fatal .....	0
Incapacitating Injury .....	12
Injury .....	83
Possible Injury .....	74
No Injury .....	1042
Unknown .....	30
Other .....	7

MOTOR VEHICLES INVOLVED..... 1042

Types of Accidents:

With MV in Traffic.....	864
With Parked MV .....	53
With Pedestrian .....	2
With Cyclist .....	5
With Animal (Deer) .....	8
With All Others .....	105

## YEARLY ACCIDENT DATA COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MV ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>MVA WITH INJURIES</u>
2001	872	0	238
2002	750	2	243
2003	640	0	182
2004	647	2	198
2005	692	2	109
2006	561	0	119

## OTHER FACTS

Total Miles of Road in Hingham..... 185  
Busiest Day for Motor Vehicle Accidents ..... Thursday (103 MVAs)  
Busiest Time for Motor Vehicle Accident ..... 2pm – 4 pm (102 MVAs)  
Busiest Street for Motor Vehicle Accident..... Main Street (109 MVAs)

## *Animal Control*

*The Animal Control Officer is on duty weekdays* but provides coverage on an emergency basis 24 hours a day. The department continues to receive numerous calls regarding coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks and skunks.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, and all other departments for the assistance given to me during the year.

Once again I am pleased to report that the adoption rate for stray dogs picked up by this officer is 100%. Other activity is as follows:

Reported dog bites..... 10  
Dogs brought to vet for euthanasia..... 0  
Disposed deceased animals ..... 1,534  
Animals in quarantine..... 34

Albert J. Currie  
Animal Control Officer

## *Harbormaster*

*In Hingham Harbor we have over 1500 permitted boats* moored along roughly twenty miles of coastline. Collections of money from mooring permit fees and boat excise tax has improved each year and will continue to help pay the town's portion of future waterways projects. Tentative projects include; Inner Harbor Basin dredging, testing of soil samples in the spring of 2007, boat ramp improvements anticipated to start 2007-2008 and will include floats along the launching ramp and a dinghy dock in the near future.

This past year over 300,000 clam seeds were planted in the Inner Harbor to increase our crop sizes, future seeding, and improve water quality. We have approximately 10 shellfish diggers working the mud flats four months this year. Our coast has some of the best soft shell clam flats open to commercial diggers.

The Department has seen an increase in calls for service ranging from assisting boaters on the water to recovering lost and stolen boats. We will continue our patrols during the day, evening, and night. During 2006 we worked closely with the Weymouth and Hull Harbormasters, Coast Guard and Boston Police Marine Unit to help increase the regional safety and security of our harbors. We hope to build upon this relationship over the few years.

We continue to supervise mooring placement and hope to G.P.S. locations of all our moorings and slips by the end of August; assist the Boston Harbor Islands; help the New England Aquarium with marine animal rescues; run an environmentally sound pump-out program; assist in monitoring the water quality; and helping to educate boaters of the federal, state and town by-laws.

We hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy Historic Hingham Harbor. If you spot suspicious activity or have an emergency we can be reached on VHF 16 or call 911 and ask for Hingham Police or call Hingham Police directly 781-749-1212 and state you need a Harbormaster. For non-emergencies call the Harbormaster office at 781-741-1450.

John R. Souther, Harbormaster  
Kenneth R. Corson, III, Deputy Harbormaster



## *Traffic Committee*

*The Traffic Committee is in place to assist Hingham residents with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes, but recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. We thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued cooperation and interest in the recommendations made by the Committee.*

The Committee discussed a request to place a stop sign at the intersection of Brewster Dr., Brewster Rd., and Colonial Rd. Residents perceived a speeding problem in this area. The Hingham Police Department's traffic counter was placed at this intersection so that statistics could be obtained. When the statistic results were discussed, it was felt there was not a speeding problem in the area, and since there was no accident history at the intersection, the Traffic Committee recommended that no action be taken.

Residents from the area of the Central Fire Headquarters came to the Traffic Committee to discuss their concerns for the new configuration of the driveway to the fire station after it is reconstructed. The Traffic Committee visited the site and recommended the traffic counter be put in the area to see what the volume of vehicle use actually is. The counter will be placed in the area in the spring when playground traffic increases. Results will be discussed at a future meeting. In the interim the Committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen install a stop sign and crosswalk at the end of Fire House Way.

During 2006 Hingham residents came to the Traffic Committee to discuss traffic concerns on Country Drive, Liberty Pole Road, suggest improvements to the Rt. 3A Rotary, and suggestions to improve the traffic lights at Whiting/Derby/Gardner Streets. Residents of Saw Mill Pond came to the Committee to discuss ways of improving visibility when exiting their street. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board of Selectmen asked the Traffic Committee to review a group of proposals for the design of the West/Beal/North Street intersection. After discussion the Committee recommended "Alternative 2B" with two concerns: (1) that the Fire Department's ladder truck be able to clear the raised crosswalk; (2) Engineer Jeff Dirk be contacted to discuss the materials which could construct the crosswalk.

At the September meeting Sgt. Glenn Olsson took over as representative for Chairman Chief Steven D. Carlson after Sgt. Peraino was promoted to Lieutenant. Sgt. Olsson is the current Traffic Sergeant for the

Hingham Police Department. Lt. John Haley took over as representative for Chief Mark Duff of the Hingham Fire Department.

The Traffic Committee is available to assist residents and merchants with traffic concerns. Should you have a topic you would like to bring before the Committee, please make a request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Steven D. Carlson, Hingham Police Department. If you have a question pertaining to a traffic issue, you may contact Sgt. Olsson at 781-749-1212. Often assistance can be given without bringing an issue to the Traffic Committee directly.

Chief Steven D. Carlson, Chairman  
Represented by Sgt. Glenn Olsson  
Chief Mark Duff  
Represented by Lt. John Haley  
Harry Sylvester, DPW

Paul Healey, Planning Board  
Joseph Burton  
Philip Resca  
Leslie Kehoe



## *Weights and Measures Inspector*

*The following is a summary of work accomplished from January through December 2006.*

All gas station motor fuel and diesel dispensers located in the Town of Hingham were tested. A total of 191 dispensers were adjusted as needed and sealed.

Testing of 142 scales (apothecary, delicatessen, coffee shop, food shop, supermarket, propane tanks, jewelry and school equipment) was completed.

All Town owned sealer equipment has been tested and sealed and/or certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Weights and Measures laboratory to be correct.

Massachusetts State Certification Continuing Education Credits have been completed.

The 2006 annual report has been filed as required by state law, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Harold Tuttle  
Charles Alexson  
Department of Weights and Measures

## *Bare Cove Park Committee*

*The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at the Town Hall, except during June, July and August, when meetings are often held at the park. Visitors are always welcome, and dates, times and locations are posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall. The Town website ([www.hingham-ma.com](http://www.hingham-ma.com)) also contains a photo tour and further information on the park.*

Volunteer landscaper and committee member, Frank Sheltry, and Scott MacMillan, park ranger, have kept the park in excellent condition throughout the year, creating an attractive and enjoyable destination for the public to enjoy. Hundreds of visitors come to the park each day, year round. In addition to cutting the grass fields in summer and plowing the roads in winter, Frank and Scott continue to remove intrusive, non-indigenous vegetation. Scott also trims bushes and trees throughout the park that encroach on the roads and river vistas.

The dog waste bag program implemented last year continues to be successful in reducing the residues left by many dogs visiting the park each day. In addition, the triangle garden, near the Fort Hill Street entrance, continues to flourish under the supervision of volunteer gardener, Barbara Nicosia and the Friends of Bare Cove Park. A gift account has been established in the name of the Friends to accept tax-deductible donations from those who want to aid in their efforts, and can be sent to them c/o the Bare Cove Park Committee at Town Hall.

Once again, the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project sprayed the park several times during the spring and summer.

The BCP Committee finished mapping paved and unpaved roads throughout the park. Those data now reside in the Town's computerized graphical information system being run by the Assessor's Office.

A land swap deal with the Hastings Companies and the Town was completed last summer. As a result, the Town deeded over to Hastings approximately 2.5 acres of parkland in exchange for approximately the same amount of the former Project Turnabout property owned by Hastings. Mitigation included in the land swap and rezoning agreement resulted in Hastings providing an improved park entrance off of Beal Street, a new walking path into the park, and a new and enlarged parking lot to be shared with the new youth athletic fields, also provided by Hastings.

Even though Governor Romney signed into law last year legislation deeding over 15-acres of surplus Massachusetts Department of Public Works land to the Town of Hingham, the transaction has yet to be completed. In relation to that property, the state demolished three former ammunition storage buildings located on it, and five underground bunkers on adjoining state DPW and Fisheries and Wildlife property. In addition, the state is still planning to create a pedestrian/bicycle ramp between Bare Cove Park and Stoddard's Neck.

The Bare Cove Park Committee's proposal to the Town's Community Preservation Committee for funds to restore, rehabilitate, and improve the park was approved unanimously at Town Meeting during April. The funds appropriated will be used to demolish and remove several decrepit concrete foundations and former ammunition storage buildings scattered throughout the park. Other CPC funds approved include monies to rebuild the main entrance off of Fort Hill Street, complete the triangle flower Garden, and re-landscape the area around the Green Dock Building located near the river. Additional picnic tables and benches will also be added at various locations.

In the course of planning for the CPC-funded demolition work, the engineering firm contracted by the town to create the demolition plans and specifications, and acquire the necessary environmental permits, discovered asbestos roofing shingle contamination in and around nine of the fourteen buildings on the demolition list. This discovery necessitated going to a special town meeting during December for emergency funds to clean up the contamination. Those funds were approved, and the cleanup is now in progress. Following the remediation of the contamination, demolition of the buildings and foundations will commence.

As we mentioned in last year's report, Bare Cove Park Committee member and treasurer Jane Conrad died unexpectedly during March of 2006. Generous friends and colleagues have contributed sufficient funds in her memory to permit the construction of a memorial bench near the stream that flows into Beal's Cove from Tucker's Swamp. Installation of the bench and landscaping around it are now in progress.

John Swanson, Chairman  
Ron Clough, Vice Chairman  
Bob England, Treasurer  
Paul Doyle, Secretary

Brooks Robbins  
Frank Sheltry  
Cindy Thaxter  
Andy Read  
Scott MacMillan, Ranger

## *Trustees of the Bathing Beach*

*Attendance at the Beach summer 2006* had a substantial increase. Although the beach has been there many years, we are seeing numerous new faces. The grass area with picnic benches is also well used, making this a dual facility. We are constantly working to keep the bathhouse and grounds properly maintained.

Thomas Foley was elected as a Trustee at Town Meeting in April. Tom is a long-time swimmer and has always been an advocate of the Beach.

We could not operate the area without help from the following Town Departments: Health, Police, Fire, Public Works, Tree and Park, Harbormaster and the Accounting and Selectmen's offices.

Peter Fee, Chairman  
Joan P. Williams  
Thomas Foley



## *Beautification Commission*

*The Beautification Committee has many plans* for enhancing the beauty of various town areas. Downtown - pansies were planted this spring in barrels and renewed with summer plantings, then filled with greens in November .

Community participation was fostered by Linden Ponds volunteers planting daffodils at the three islands on Main St. near the library - a springtime delight, followed by a colorful summer planting. Plants were added to Lincoln Street barrels, and the Scotland Street neighbors raised money, bought materials, and planted their traffic island, as did neighbors at the Kimball Beach and Foley Beach Roads island.

Our volunteer list is growing and all have been active in assisting the committee with planting. A sizeable group helped to plant daylilies and Russian Sage at the French Street islands near the train crossing. Volunteers also helped maintain the gardens at the Veterans' Memorial in Hingham Centre and the Morton's Cove garden at Rts. 3A and 228.

The Cold Corner traffic island gardens were analyzed and the Committee made some changes with plans for some new planting in 07. The Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore originally planted these gardens, but because of the dangerous traffic situation, chose instead to design, plant and maintain a children's "pizza" garden at the library.

We thank Scott MacMillan, who in November volunteered to dig a bed for our white rhododendrons at GAR hall before winter descended. Our members dug a bed around the newly mounted gun and planted grass seed November 7, which did beautifully thanks to the warm late fall weather.

The Beautification Commission started the year eager to design and plant new islands and beds in anticipation of the arrival of watering tanks. Unfortunately, the tanks arrived in September, too late to be used. We hope the forthcoming year will allow us to bring added beauty to the islands and gardens for all residents to enjoy.

We would like to thank all us volunteers, police, downtown shop owners, and Selectmen for their support of the Beautification Committee.

Joan Hansel, Chairman  
Shirley Rydell, Vice-Chairman  
Miriam Tod, Secretary  
Avis Studley, Treasurer  
Alyce Nobis

Laura Spaziani  
Rose Durkin  
Kathleen Norman  
Katie Morrissey  
Marjorie Elsdon

## *Cable TV Advisory Committee*

*Hingham is entering the license renewal process time period of its 10-year contract with Comcast, which expires August, 2009. It may sign a new agreement with Comcast and any other qualified vendor any time in advance of that date, but no later.*

As part of the process, the newly-reformed Committee will seek both direct and survey input from all residents with cable service - - and from Town entities (school department, police, fire, seniors, civic groups, etc.) who use additional cable services - - as to the past/present performance of Comcast and the future desires of cable TV users.

After assuring a competitive process that will maximize the value of service at the most reasonable cost, the Committee will make its final recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for its decision, in advance of the timeline. Any resident with input or questions regarding the process may address them to the Committee at Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The Committee holds scheduled meetings at the Town Hall (unless otherwise announced) at 7:00 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month.

Guy Conrad, Chair  
Eric Connerly, Secretary  
Eric Gauthier  
Amy Goebel

William Helfrich  
James Morrison  
Sky Thaxter, School Dept.  
ex-officio



## *Central Fire Station Building Committee*

*Established at the Annual Town Meeting in FY 2003*, the Central Fire Station Building Committee was charged with evaluating the adequacy of the Central Fire Station in the context of the growing public safety needs of our community.

For two years, the Committee worked on plans for the renovation and expansion of the station. Ultimately, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a side bay addition to the Central Fire Station. Based on that decision, the 2005 Annual Town Meeting approved \$3,934,750 in construction funding for the Fire Station project bringing total funds allocated for the project to just under \$5 million.

Throughout 2005 and 2006, the Committee refined the plans for the Fire Station and obtained the necessary approvals to proceed with the project from the Historic Districts Commission, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, the Committee received the approval of the Mass Historical Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection for the connection to the MWRA system. Final approval from the MWRA is expected in February or March of 2007.

In the two years since the 2005 town meeting approval, construction costs have escalated dramatically. In August 2006, the Committee put the Fire Station project out to bid. The project as bid was basically unchanged in scope from the original Town Meeting recommendation. Since there were only two qualified bidders in the first round of bids, the project was rebid in October 2006. The low bid resulted in overall project costs of \$6,464,750. On December 11, 2006, a Special Town Meeting was held which approved the additional \$1,539,000 necessary to move forward with the Fire Station.

Following the bidding period, Fire Department operations were relocated to the two sub-stations with Fire headquarters temporarily functioning out of GAR Hall. In late December, the construction contract was awarded to the low bidder, G & R Construction, which began work on the project in January 2007. It is anticipated that the project will take twelve months to complete.

Alison Ferrante, Chair  
Kate Boland  
Thomas Carey, Jr.  
Tally Lauter

Paul J. Murphy, III  
Carl Peterson  
Tina Sherwood  
Chief Mark Duff, ex officio

## *Community Preservation Committee*

*Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee* – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving the protection and acquisition of open space, protection of historic resources, and support for low and moderate income housing and makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. That fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town property taxes and state matching grants payable each October 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2007 will be approximately \$5,536,480, including a total of \$2,478,583 in state grants. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories. The remaining 70% is available spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The Committee recommended and the 2006 Town Meeting approved three historic preservation projects, including funds to complete the interior construction and thus, the rehabilitation of the GAR Hall (\$14,000); monies to continue the design for streetscape improvements in downtown Hingham (\$20,000); and \$120,000 to assess the condition of the markers in the Hingham Centre Cemetery and repair the most endangered, and to replace the existing chain link fence with an historically accurate forged iron fence.

Open space projects approved at 2006 Town Meeting were: weed control at Cushing Pond (\$34,000), restoration and improvements at Bare Cove Park (\$405,000), acquiring a parcel of land in historic Glad Tidings Plain, resulting in placement of 11 acres of land under permanent conservation restrictions (\$50,000); a plan and design for a walk to be built around Hingham Harbor (\$60,000); and acquisition of land to adjoin to the Town's McKenna Marsh Conservation Area (\$236,100).

Town Meeting also approved the Committee's two community housing recommendations, a pilot home repair loan program (\$175,000) and acquisition of a home on Scotland Street to be used by the Hingham Housing Authority for affordable housing (\$236,100).

A citizen's petition proposing to repeal the Community Preservation Act was filed in the fall of 2006 and the question of repeal was put to Hingham voters. On election day 2006, 72% of voters approved keeping the Community Preservation Act for Hingham.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee is near the conclusion of the process to make recommendations to Town Meeting for 2007 projects. By the end of FY06, Hingham's Community Preservation Fund will have nearly \$2 million dollars available with another \$600,000 expected in October 2007 when the state match is delivered. The Community Preservation Committee will make recommendations at Town Meeting for projects in all three funding categories.

Valerie A. Talmage, Chair  
Judith M. Cole, Vice-Chair  
Thomas J. Maloney  
Judith Sneath  
Sarah Dewey

Keneth Soltys  
Philip Edmundson  
James R. Watson  
John Kelleher



## *Country Club Management Committee*

*This year the Country Club Management Committee voted to hire town employees to manage and maintain the South Shore Country Club's golf course, a major change in direction for the town. Previously, the CCMC contracted with a golf course maintenance company to maintain the golf course and manage the pro shop. The new golf course superintendent, Jay McGrail, will now oversee all aspects of the golf course, reporting to the SSCC Director of Operations, Nora Berard.*

The CCMC recently selected The Lantana, Inc., to operate the banquet rooms and fairway lounge at the South Shore Country Club. In addition to its well-known banquet facility located in Randolph, The Lantana will provide catering services for all functions at the South Shore Country Club.

In April 2006, Cubellis & Associates completed the facility study for the South Shore Country Club. The study classified into three categories the improvements needed to the facility. The study will be used by the CCMC to plan capital expenditures.

The Long Range Planning Committee submitted its findings to the Board of Selectmen, reiterating the importance of golf revenues at the South Shore Country Club. In addition, the Long Range Planning Committee suggested coordination of activities between the South Shore Country Club and the Recreation Department. The Long Range Planning Committee included Chairman David Ramsdell and members Kate Mahoney, Tom Campbell, Mary O'Connell, Bernard O'Neil, Jim Welch and Kevin Taylor.

Sarah Boynton completed a six-year tenure on the CCMC. Sarah was instrumental in developing relationships between the South Shore Country Club and community groups. Keefer Welch joined the CCMC this year, bringing with him a wealth of experience in hospitality management.

Dan Walsh, Chairman  
Brian Elsdon  
Jack Gamache  
Matt Havens  
Keefer Welch

Nora Berard, Director of Operations

## *Hingham Cultural Council*

*In June of 2006*, Julianna Lovell stepped down as Chairperson of the Hingham Cultural Council, as did committee member Betty MacIntyre. Member Connie Cummings was elected as Chair and Jane Shute became a new member of the Committee.

In October, the HCC awarded a special grant to the Downtown Hingham Association for their first annual *Hingham Arts Walk*. This inaugural event united downtown businesses with local artists in our unique downtown setting.

In November, fourteen grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1000, were awarded to support the arts and artists in our community. Recipients included The Second Parish Church, The Broad Cove Chorale, The Fine Arts Chorale, Company Theatre, the Hingham Historical Society, The James Library, The South Shore Conservatory, The South Shore Art Center, The Hingham Downtown Association, Elyse O'Connor, Hingham Middle School, Hingham Recreation Department, Paragon Carousel and North River Arts Society.

The HCC is once again grateful for the local support from the Wilder Trust which supplements our funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Connie Cummings  
Mary Ann Blackmur  
Jane Shute  
Avis Goldstein  
Emily Hutchinson



## *Hingham Development and Industrial Commission*

*The planning and decision activities of previous years* became the backdrop for the Town's- and HDIC's- implementation of the Streetscape Plan in 2006. Driven by the Selectmen's governance and supported by many Town departments, Town commissions, and other Town organizations such as Hingham Downtown Association, the HDIC helped to coordinate the effort to take the "paper plan" and begin its introduction onto North Street. By aiding Town officials in making the final decisions on the street design, landscape and tree selection, lamppost replacements, sidewalk layout, and other enhancements, the downtown Streetscape Plan became a reality.

Formulated by a desire for safety, encouraged by a goal for creating infrastructure improvements, and desirous of correcting deficiencies like non compliant disability access to our sidewalks, the Plan demanded a continuous process of bringing together many other organizations that make Hingham work. In the safety area, for example, the Plan had to ensure that current and future fire apparatus could operate as intended. That meant the Plan's improvements in curb design and traffic flow would not impede Fire Department access to all Downtown properties. Infrastructure improvements had to recapture the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century theme and business desires to preserve and grow their businesses while the construction activities occurred. The lamppost selection process gathered input from many sources—Historical Commission, Community Preservation Commission, local businesses and churches, the Light Plant, etc. These inputs will lead to the planned installation of the new lampposts in 2007. Similarly, the same process employed groups like the Garden Club, Beautification Commission and Town DPW officials, to conclude the landscape design. The first of the many new trees arrived for planting on North Street; others will follow in 2007. Moreover, HDIC Streetscape coordination of business plans for physical improvements of companies like Talbots and The Snug, among others, moved forward. The HDIC intends to follow these same processes as the Streetscape Plan moves further on North Street to the waterfront and begins its implementation onto Station Street Plaza and South Street in 2007.

In addition to its Streetscape activities, the HDIC responded to a Selectmen request to address how the Tunnel Cap in Downtown could be utilized at the conclusion of the Greenbush Restoration. A proposal now is in process for review and implementation in 2007.

Finally, the HDIC continued its actions of support for the Farmer's Market at its new site at the Bathing Beach parking area. It assisted in the Transportation Study engaged by other South Shore Towns. It worked with State agencies and governing officials on economic development

proposals such as BID to further South Coast opportunities. It aided other groups like the Hingham Cemetery Board and the Beautification Commission and Garden Club to further their improvement plans. It supported Hingham Downtown Association plans to generate continued and new marketing and sales activities in furtherance of Hingham economic growth. HDIC continued to address with many other groups inside and outside government the need for finding a solution to the Downtown parking issue.

None of its work could have happened without the support of many groups not all mentioned here. Town departments, particularly the Town Administrator's office, the Town Planner, the Greenbush Project Coordinator, took to implementing HDIC suggestions and deserve recognition.

L. Bruce Rabuffo, Chairman  
Blake Auchincloss  
Peter Colket  
Donald Kidston

Richard Monaghan  
Nanette Walsh  
Benedict Wilcox

## *Commission on Disabilities Issues*

*After the introduction of new member Susan Sommer, Chairman Richard Morgan opened the spring meeting with a discussion of the goals of the Committee.*

The following issues were then discussed:

- On Lincoln Street near the entrance of a public building, there is a deep crevasse in the sidewalk making it dangerous for pedestrians and impassable for wheel chairs. This will be pursued with the Department of Public Works.
- The access to Derby Street Shoppes from Cushing Street currently is difficult for the disabled. There is a plan for crosswalks at the Whiting Street and Cushing Street intersection, which is planned to go into effect, date unknown. Also the intersection at the Cushing and Derby Street intersection is not safe. This is not a town road so that the state is in charge. Crosswalks are planned with date of completion unknown.
- Discussed possibility of doing presentations at the grammar schools on disabilities. Ms. Sommer is pursuing obtaining the materials for presentation through various state agencies.

### **Commission Members**

Richard Morgan, Chairman  
Barbara Partridge  
John Pollock  
Susan Sommer



## *Department of Elder Services*



*"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of social services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."*

During 2006, the Department of Elder Services continued with its goal of seeking National Senior Center Accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers. Through this major initiative, nine areas of operation were reviewed, and goals and objectives utilizing outcome measures were developed. The application for Accreditation was submitted in October, and as the year ended, the Department was compiling additional information that was requested as a part of the application process. Following the submission of this additional information in early 2007, an on-site visit will occur prior to a final decision being made about awarding Accreditation to Hingham.

The Board of Elder Services reorganized in October 2006 through the revision of its By-Laws. This included the addition of several standing committees: Volunteer Recognition, By-Law Review, Fiscal, Facilities, Policies and Procedures, Nominating, and Legislative/Advocacy. The Board also began to review the Department's publications and in November, voted to change the name of the monthly newsletter from Elders at Central to Central Times. This name change came about

through the process utilized for Accreditation and is an effort that recognizes the need to reach out to a broader constituency.

Supporting caregivers of older adults continued to be a goal of the Department during 2006. The Caregiver Support Group continued to meet and discuss issues of common concern as well as receive useful information and tips about relieving the stress of care giving.

Transportation continues to be a critical service to assist elders in accessing medical appointments, grocery shopping, accomplishing daily errands, attending the Senior Center and taking local trips that enhance quality of life. In July, through the fiscal year 2007 budget, additional medical van drivers' hours were allocated to meet the increasing demand for medical transportation. During 2006, 6094 one-way transportation trips were provided to 455 different older adults living in Hingham.

Outreach provides a vital link for older adults and family members in accessing needed community services. During 2006, the Department continued to assist individuals with sorting through the complicated process of enrolling in Medicare D. Educational programs, one-on-one counseling on how to select a Medicare D prescription plan, and assistance with applications for the Massachusetts Prescription Advantage Program were all avenues used to ensure that older adults enrolled in the Medicare D program within the timeframe of open enrollment.

Other program accomplishments in 2006 included the addition of a monthly Parkinson's Support Group for both family members and the person with Parkinson's. Led by Leslie Vickers, Director of Bayada Nursing Services, health awareness, exercises and educational information about Parkinson's are offered as a part of monthly meetings.

No Department functions without the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Our deepest appreciation is extended to Ruth Briggs, Mary Thomas and May Vuielleumier who retired from the Elder Services Board in June. Also, we would be remiss if we did not thank the 200 volunteers who unselfishly gave 11,312 hours helping us in the delivery of services to Hingham's elders. We would not be able to function without these dedicated and caring individuals.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director  
James Plotner, Chairman  
Robert Montgomery, Vice Chairman  
William Scott, Secretary  
Thomas Hickey, Treasurer  
Lillian Colbeck

Anne Condon  
Susan Kiernan  
Ann Manning  
Helen O'Meara  
Joanne Pollick  
Stephen Waynen

## *Fourth of July Parade Committee*

*It is the responsibility of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee to plan ,organize and raise funds for the annual Independence Day Parade , as well as the Band Concert by The Satuit Band at the Harbor. The floats, marchers, and bands are provided by different organizations. The fundraisers pay for the marching bands as well as the historic civil & revolutionary war marching units that everyone enjoys during the parade.*

Since the beginning of the nineties, the committee has raised the funds necessary to hire the bands, the reenactment marching units and the band concert. The major fundraisers are the golf tournament and sale of our buttons, Donations are always welcome.

### **2006 Report**

In keeping with tradition that dates back more than 150 years. Hingham's Fourth of July Parade was the "best ever" according to many spectators enjoying the parade. The Committee's own Al Carpenter led the parade as Uncle Sam.

The 16-member parade committee began planning in January. The 2006 parade theme "An Olde Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup>" included over 13 bands, including the Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade Pipe & Drum with Hingham's own Kevin McCarthy as a member. Other bands that participated enjoyed by all included: The Satuit Band, The Boston Crusaders Senior Drum & Bugle Corp, The Weymouth High School Marching Band, The Roma Band & St. Alfios Band just to name a few! There were 16 floats from local organizations and residents, marching groups representing town youth and high school athletic teams as well as many people's favorites, the clowns. There were many reenactment groups from the civil & revolutionary wars, antique and classic cars as well as Paul Revere on horseback. We can't leave out the old favorite Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band. Participants were cheered on by the almost 10,000 spectators lining the parade route.

The Grand Marshall was Jill Drohan, Hingham's Recreation Director for more than twenty years. Jill touched the lives of thousands of children through the annual recreation summer camp, ski trips and monthly teen dances. Jill is responsible for the expansion of the Recreation Center providing programs for toddlers through seniors. Jill's involvement with the Hingham Striders was instrumental in establishing the Hingham Striders Fitness Room, which was donated to the Town by the Striders. Jill, by being a member of the Striders, was also responsible for making another of Hingham's Fourth of July events a tradition, The 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Road Race. We want to thank Fred Shaw of Shaw Saab for graciously donating and driving the car that the Grand Marshall rides in every year.

Each year the fifth grade classes from all three elementary schools compete for the best illustration representing the year's parade theme. For 2006 the winning design was drawn by Noah Sneath, Woody Roman's was second and Grant Whitney's came in third. The winning image is made into a button which is sold at various locations around town and by members of the Hingham/Hull Rotary Club the day of the parade.

The annual Stars and Stripes Golf Tournament which was chaired by member Jenni Denegri and sponsored by A.W. Perry, who this year gave the single largest donation in recent memory. We are very thankful for their support as well as all of our sponsors and golfers. Their support allows us to hire the bands and marching units that everyone enjoys.

The parade committee greatly appreciates the support given by the residents and the many Town Departments. In particular we would like to thank Lt. Brad Durant of the Hingham Police Department for being our liaison, the entire Police and Fire Departments, Joe Stigliani, Superintendent of the DPW and the entire Department of Public Works who work so diligently to make sure everything is set up and cleaned up before and after the parade. Thanks to Dr. Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Hingham Public Schools and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art Teachers for doing the button design every year; the Aquarian Water Company for providing water to parade participants; and to the Selectmen and Charlie Cristello, Town Administrator, for their continued support. The committee would also like to thank Mary Ford, Editor of The Hingham Journal and Carol Britton Meyer, reporter for the Hingham Journal for their continued support, and publicity.

- If you would like to be a part of the committee or participate in the parade or golf tournament please contact Mary Ann Blackmur 781-749-4452 or at [mblackmur@comcast.net](mailto:mblackmur@comcast.net).
- Visit our web page for more info @ [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov)

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Cynthia Tonucci

## *Grand Army of the Republic Hall*

*The historic 1888 building on Main Street* has been successfully expanded, renovated and made accessible. A public rededication ceremony is planned for the spring of 2007. The Hall also will be open for the Historical Society's annual house tour on June 10, 2007. The exterior and interior of the building should please even the most discerning critic!

Contributors to the project can justifiably feel great satisfaction. They include the DHCD for grant money, architects, contractors, suppliers, Town administration and personnel, the CPC, donating benefactors, Hingham Lumber Co., GAR Trustees, Veterans' organizations, Beautification Commission, Historical Society, Library personnel, Fire Department personnel and helpful volunteers.

Mindful of the wording used when the property was deeded to the Town and the purpose for erecting the structure in 1888, the Trustees intend to use the Hall to honor Hingham's support and sacrifice for the Union's cause; to provide space for Veterans' functions and meetings; to celebrate Presidents', Memorial and Independence Days; to provide space for community organizations; and importantly, to allow our public schools to use GAR Hall for occasional guest speakers, History Day presentations and other educational projects.

Robert Shepard, Chairman of Trustees  
Arthur Smith, Trustee  
Keith Jermyn, Trustee

## *Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund*

*In 1915, the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund was established by Ada Bacon in memory of her mother. Ada Bacon gave \$15,000 to the Town of Hingham to be invested with the intention that the income generated from this gift be used for the purpose of "relieving the necessities of the deserving poor or unfortunate of South Hingham."*

Opening Balance (1/1/06)	\$515.21
Income	
Interest from checking	\$1.98
Investment distribution from Treasurer	\$0
Total Funds Available	\$517.19
Distribution	\$250.00
Closing Balance (12/31/06)	\$267.19

### Members

Paul N. Chaffee  
Judith Belknap  
Patricia Pierce

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A special note of acknowledgement is appropriate with this year's annual report. Two long-serving HLWF committee members passed this year. Roberta Pitcher served many years before retiring from her position. Judith Belknap served with me this year until only weeks before she passed. Hingham owes much of its uniqueness to the services of volunteers like Roberta and Judith. PNC

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## *Harbor Development Committee*

*Originally formed in 1957 as the Dredging Committee*, the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) was established in 1971 by Town Meeting Warrant Article as a six member advisory committee with a mandate to “coordinate the planning and development of the tidal water areas within the Town borders. Membership has since increased to seven plus the Harbormaster ex officio. HDC works towards carrying out its assigned responsibilities within a basic goal framework which includes (1) environmental preservation and conservation, (2) expansion of waterways access and user base and (3) improved channels of communication among all waterways interests.

These basic goals are now expressed in the Hingham Harbor and Tidal Waterways Management Plan, revised in February of 2006. A combined effort of past and present HDC members, the plan provides a history of Hingham’s tidal waterways together with a list of specific objectives for their preservation and development. Current conditions are sketched, problems and possible solutions are presented and specific projects, plans and priorities are discussed. Copies of the plan are on file at the office of the Town Clerk. The plan should be regarded as a work in progress.

HDC is in the process of developing a detailed Inner Harbor plan. The plan is intended to provide specific concrete plans for a full pedestrian walkway around the inner harbor and a specific set of priorities for future development of the waterfront properties. The major goal of the plan will be additional public access to the waterfront property.

We are in the process of requesting Community Preservation Funding for the engineering and design of a Pedestrian Access way from route 3A to Whitney Wharf

The Committee is submitting an article to this year’s Town Meeting requesting that an Enterprise Fund be created; an Enterprise Fund will allow the Town to maintain better control of marine related expenses and revenues.

We will be working with the Coastal Hazards Commission in conjunction with their evaluation of the Town’s coastal structures. CHC was established by the State to inventory and prioritize the repair of coastal seawalls

The State Public Access Board has requested engineering proposals to redesign and improve the existing boat ramp, We will continually monitor this process.

Public access to the Bouve property is a concern of the committee; a grant to provide access to this property was received in February of 2002. We are currently working with the planning board and the shipyard developer to make sure that grant funds are spent appropriately and there will be public parking as well as public access to the Bouve property.

Harbor dredging is a major activity; the Committee is working with the DEM and other State agencies to make sure that the planned Harbor dredging takes place. State funding for the testing phase of the dredging has been secured and we expect actual testing to occur in 2007. The dredging will take place as soon as State funds are appropriated.

All of these projects require revenue enhancement. Mooring fees have helped and their contribution to waterways management expenses will increase as experience lends itself to their application. Grant monies continue to be sought. HDC has worked effectively with Community Preservation and we hope to work with Community Preservation on future projects

The Harbor Development Committee continues to expand its activities in the areas of communication and outreach. HDC co-sponsors the spring and fall harbor cleanups in conjunction with other Town civic organizations. An increasing number of waterways projects have been brought before HDC for recommendations prior to presentation at required regulatory boards and commissions. HDC encourages this latter practice since it is clearly in line with its established mandate.

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Nick Amdur  
Richard Callahan  
David Beal  
Gregory M. Synnott

Elizabeth Harling, Associate  
John Sullivan, Associate  
Ben Matthews, Associate  
John Souther, ex-officio



## *Board of Health*

*The Board consists of three elected members from the community.* The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of 4 full time employees (Executive Health Officer, Administrative Secretary, Public Health Nurse and Health Agent) and two part time employees (Health Clerk and a Food Inspector).

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities includes such activities as adult immunization programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local emergency planning, Right-to-Know program, septic system approval and inspection, bioterrorism response, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, group day care licensing and inspection, communicable disease surveillance, massage, camp licensing, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

This year the Board has been working on updating some of their outdated regulations. The Board spent the first part of the year working on and approving significant changes to the Board of Health Massage Regulations. These changes not only pertain to the Massage Business but also updates requirements for Massage Therapists.

During the second part of 2006 major changes were developed and are under review to the Board of Health Animal Regulations. These regulations establish for such animals as horses, bovine, geese, pigeons, etc. for the protection of the animals and the environment. It is expected that these regulations will be finalized and adopted in early 2007.

This year the Public Health Nurse conducted a number of Influenza Clinics at a variety of locations from our senior housing units to the Town Hall. As a result, over 2000 residents received their "flu shot" this year free of charge.

In addition to our yearly influenza clinics, our Department has been preparing for an anticipated Influenza pandemic. As part of this planning, a Town Meeting Article was prepared and approved by the Town Meeting, which authorized the Hingham Board of Health to enter into an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement with Region 4B member communities. As a result, an agreement was drafted and signed by the Board and the Region.

of Health's Tobacco Regulations. The Board is pleased to announce that were no sales of tobacco products to minors during unannounced compliance checks, of local retail vendors, by the South Shore Board of Health Collaborative during 2006. This is the result of good public education along with strict enforcement of the Board

Permits issued in 2006 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Day Care Centers .....	8	Food Establishment.	135
Retail Food.....	53	Store Milk .....	113
Catering.....	2	Frozen Desserts.....	24
Residential F.S.....	0	Mobile Food Service .	15
Milk Vehicle .....	2	Septage Haulers .....	36
Rubbish Haulers.....	23	Septic Installers.....	38
Tanning Salons .....	4	Funeral Directors .....	2
Semi-Public Pools.....	7	Pool Constr.Permits..	16
Trailer Parks.....	1	Day Camps .....	13
Septic Permits .....	133	Variance Appl.....	116
Building Permits .....	284	Treatment Plant .....	43
Massage Business....	10	Tobacco Sales .....	24
Massage Practice.....	15	Private Well Permits..	21
Soil Evaluations....	71		

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Chairman  
Stephen White, Member  
Peter Bickford, Member

## *Town Historian*

*After various delays*, including those caused by archeological discoveries found on the railroad right of way, the tunnel under Hingham Square was finally completed in 2006. In the last quarter of the year traffic in the Square has undergone some changes. Short South Street has been made one way in the direction of the harbor and the corner of Main and South Street is now a stop on the other three corners. The streets around the Square have been narrowed and the complete effect is to slow down traffic in the area.

The Community Preservation Act came under attack this year by a group of opponents headed by several vocal citizens. Initially they wanted to reduce the Act's percentage of the Real Estate Tax collected from taxpayers from 1.5% to .25%. Town Meeting failed to pass the Warrant Article which would have put this change on the November Ballot. Nevertheless, a citizen's petition placed a question on the ballot asking voters to revisit the Town's participation in the CPA. This question was decisively defeated leaving the Community Preservation Act unchanged.

A special Town Meeting this fall appropriated the extra funds needed to build the Central Fire Station addition and a start has now been made on this project.

Winston Hall  
Town Historian

## *Historic Districts Commission*

*Hingham is fortunate to have a history of preservation.* Because of the efforts of many who have valued the historical importance, the architecture, and the interior features of the Town's residences and public and private buildings, Hingham remains one of the few towns in the country whose structures span four centuries.

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for determining the appropriateness of work proposed on properties located in an historic district.

Enabled by the passage in the 1960's of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and subsequently created in Hingham by Town Meeting, the Historic Districts Commission is responsible for preserving and protecting the residences and buildings located within Hingham's six local historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the historic character and architecturally distinctive features of significant properties.

Each year the Commission or the Administrator reviews hundreds of applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties in historic districts. Most applications seek approval for maintenance or repair, which the Administrator reviews and approves immediately. Applications proposing changes to the exterior of properties in historic districts require Historic Districts Commission review. Commission members work with 80-100 property owners annually through the public hearing process to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of individual structures and surrounding streetscapes. Guidelines from the United States Secretary of the Interior set forth the criteria the Commission uses to determine the appropriateness of proposed work in historic districts

The *Historic Districts Handbook* defines the guidelines for proposed work in a district. It is a valuable resource to property owners, architects, contractors, realtors, and to other communities, which often use Hingham's handbook as a model. The handbook is available free of charge to all property owners within historic districts and can be obtained from the Historical Commission Office on the second floor of the Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission include an architect, one designee

each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident from an historic district. The knowledge and expertise of Districts Commission members in the areas of building and landscape architecture, architectural history, and history of the town have proved invaluable to the owners of historic properties.

The public is always welcome to attend Commission hearings held at the Hingham Town Hall on Thursday evenings as scheduled. Public notices appear in the local newspaper and are posted on the Town Office bulletin board on the first floor; abutters located within one hundred feet of a property being reviewed are notified. In addition to the public hearing process, the Commission encourages applicants to schedule a preliminary design discussion prior to submitting an application. Commission approval for exterior work in an historic district precedes a building permit. The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Building Department and the Town Administrator's Office; and the cooperation of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, other town offices and the public.

The Historic Districts Commission thanks the Historical Commission for its fiscal support. These appropriated funds cover the general operating expenses, and the salary for the part-time administrator who serves both Commissions. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Hall, open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Scott Ford, Chair	Winston Hall
Peter Barlow, Vice-Chair	Sean Papich
Gene Raymond	Ben Wilcox
Marty Saunders	Vacancy
John McCoy	Vacancy
Andrea Young, Administrator	

## *Hingham Historical Commission*

*The responsibility of the seven-member Historical Commission* is to act in the public's interest to preserve and protect the historical assets of the town, many of which are identified in The Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory. The inventory lists the historic, architectural and archeological assets of the town, including the homes, churches and other non-residential structures, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The Inventory is available on the Town's website.

The Historical Commission qualifies through the Massachusetts Historical Commission on an annual basis for Certified Local Government status with the U.S. Department of Interior and the National Park Service

The Hingham Historical Commission administers the Preservation Projects Fund, a fund established to carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Grants, private contributions, and receipts from the sale of the books on Hingham's history, *Not All Is Changed* and *When I Think of Hingham*, provide the income for this fund. Through the Preservation Projects Fund, the Commission contributes to the town's preservation efforts in various ways; exploring measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, supporting the cataloguing of archival materials, making informational materials on the historical and architectural assets of the town available to the public, and publishing the aforementioned histories are notable examples. Monies from this fund are also used to maintain town assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, historical markers, and the Iron Horse, "Victory", on Hingham Harbor. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Orchard Foundation the Lincoln Statue was cleaned and a protective coating applied during the past year.

The Commission administers the demolition delay by-law, a statute adopted by a vote of Town Meeting to protect historic properties. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners and developers to consider alternatives to demolishing residences and outbuildings that contribute to the town's historic character. The Commission also advises on environmental reviews through the federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places program. The adoption of the Community Preservation Act presents an additional opportunity to preserve the history and character of the town. With Community Preservation funding

approved at 2005 Town Meeting, the Historical Commission replaced the cast iron fence at the Liberty Plain Cemetery.

The Historical Commission meets monthly at the Hingham Town Hall. The office is on the second floor and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The Commission thanks Susan Boyd for her service to the Commission and for her work as the Commission's liaison to the Community Preservation Committee. The Commission welcomes new member Noel Ripley.

Gary Tondorf-Dick, Chairman  
Sarah Dewey  
Will Ertman  
Noel Ripley  
Kathleen Sutton  
Virginia Tay  
Arlyn Vogelmann  
Andrea Young, Administrator

## *Housing Partnership Committee*

*The Committee is one of many state-certified local Partnerships* working with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes needing more appropriate sized housing, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it.

The members of the Housing Partnership Committee are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and the Committee advises and makes recommendations to that Board. The Committee's specific responsibilities include evaluating the housing needs of Hingham, formulating appropriate housing goals, reviewing Local Initiative Projects, identifying opportunities to enhance Hingham's affordable housing inventory, implementing and overseeing Town-initiated affordable housing projects, and supporting legislation to advance these objectives.

In particular, the 2003 Town Meeting charged the Board of Selectmen with developing a plan for the production of affordable housing on the "Selectmen's Parcel" in the old Naval Ammunition Depot off Beal Street. An article authorizing such a plan was approved at the 2005 Town Meeting, and the Board of Selectmen released an RFP for this project in the fall of 2006. The Committee is engaged in reviewing the responses to the RFP and formulating a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. In addition, the Committee is working on a proposal for a Housing Trust. Finally, the Committee continues to explore opportunities for enhancing Hingham's affordable housing inventory and to take additional steps to facilitate its objectives.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Committee also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings.

James O'Brien, Chair  
Gretchen Condon  
Rev. Gary Ludwig  
Lee Vigil

Robert Bone  
William Fideli  
John Sneath



## *Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee*

*As the drumbeat of sustainability becomes louder and louder in our community and around the world, many groups have stepped up to take part in helping to lead us to a way of life that can be perpetuated. The Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee has seen increased interest in recycling from Hingham's Town Government, the school system, the Department of Public Works, the League of Women Voters, and others. Interest from these groups has lead to many things including new recycling infrastructure and a myriad of articles in the Hingham Journal. We enjoy the increased focus and look forward to working with more groups in 2007.*

When the Selectmen met last summer to establish their priorities for the coming year, we were pleased to see increased recycling listed as one of the top ten priorities. We are excited not only by the financial support the town is giving to recycling but also by its willingness to lead by example. Examples of the town's leadership can be seen in the new paper recycling bin from Abitibi coming to Town Hall and blue bottle and can recycling bins coming to locations such as at the Recreation Department.

In 2006 our committee went through a bit of reorganization and with this realignment we have set long-term, short-term and immediate goals. One of these goals is to update and make available the current policies and procedures for waste disposal and recycling for Hingham residents. Look to the town's website at [www.hingham-ma.com](http://www.hingham-ma.com) for a revised look at this up-to-date list. You will also find a link to our committee members and a way to contact us via email.

Our current list of projects include: getting all municipal buildings to recycle paper, cardboard and commingles (bottles and cans); purchasing outdoor recycling bins for the local fields and open spaces; making sure that the MBTA provides the opportunity to recycle on the boat as well as on the train, and having accurate benchmarks so we can measure the success of these endeavors.

The Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee would like to invite you to participate in making Hingham more sustainable. We welcome your insights about what would make recycling and efficient waste disposal easier for you. We are looking for residents who are interested in collaborating with us. Let us know your ideas and helpful suggestions.

2007 is going to be a great year for recycling in Hingham! We will do everything we can to make it as easy as possible for you to recycle. Please take the time to know the rules and procedures and to use the infrastructure that is available to you.

Pat Durkin  
Marianne MacDonald  
Stacy Havens  
Helga Jorgensen

Patricia A. Bickford  
Peter Staphopoulos  
Timothy H. White  
Donald N. Jensen  
Maureen Devine

**Ex-officio Members:**

Joseph Stigliani, Public Works Superintendent  
Randy Sylvester, Assistant Public Works Superintendent

## ***MBTA Advisory Board***

*The MBTA Advisory Board is comprised of the 175 cities and towns in the MBTA's jurisdiction. It provides the mayors and selectmen with a window on the plans and activities of the MBTA as they may effect the public transportation needs and interests of their constituents. It has historically played a modest but sometimes useful role in this function.*

The Advisory Board, under the leadership of Mayor David Cohen of Newton, met three times in the first five months and finally in November of 2006. These meetings were to review and approve MBTA budget and transfer requests, capital investment plans and system-wide management activities including service plans, absenteeism, the 2007 fare increase (the third in six years) and automated fare collection.

The Board's role is almost entirely advisory, except it may reduce the MBTA's budget if it sees fit – which it rarely does. The largest issue now facing the MBTA, how to deal with its enormous debt/interest burden is very complex, politically very sensitive and well beyond any Advisory Board responsibility.

As for Hingham-specific issues related to public transportation, such as details about final construction of the Greenbush line, train schedules (a late night train is under consideration), or what the MBTA plans to do about commuter boat service in the future are again outside the scope of Advisory Board activity.

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr.  
MBTA Advisory Board Designee

## *Metropolitan Area Planning Council*

*Created in 1963*, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, environmental protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information about MAPC's services and ongoing activities is available at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

### **Smart Growth Across Municipal Boundaries**

MAPC's **MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region** initiative is planning for Metro Boston's growth and development through 2030. In 2006, the project involved nearly **2000 people**. At more than 50 briefings, participants analyzed "Scenario 1: Current Trends to 2030," MetroFuture's "base case" of what the region might look like if current trends continue. We also hosted two working sessions in June 2006, where participants designed alternatives to the "base case," and two in December 2006, where participants chose the scenario they liked the best. In 2007, after additional public input and a May 1, 2007 Boston College Citizens Seminar, the project will complete a regional strategy to achieve the preferred scenario.

MAPC assisted cities and towns in a variety of ways throughout 2006. The agency helped over 70 cities and town to rewrite zoning by-laws, evaluate smart growth uses for key parcels, keep traffic under control and expand transit, deal with crime, and prepare for natural disasters.

As a member of the **Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance**, MAPC worked with six allied organizations to advocate for sustainable development throughout the Commonwealth. MAPC participated in a successful Alliance campaign to recapitalize and reform the state's Brownfields Tax Credit; researched, analyzed, and reacted to significant state land use and transportation policy proposals, including Governor Romney's 20-year transportation plan; and advanced research about the impact of sprawling development in Massachusetts.

In partnership with the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, MAPC produced the **Massachusetts Low Impact Development Tool Kit**, which presents state-of-the-art practices for managing stormwater and increasing the recharge of water to aquifers. MAPC also produced **Once is Not Enough: A Guide to Water Reuse in Massachusetts**, a manual that describes techniques for non-potable reuse of treated wastewater and provides case studies of several successful water reuse projects in Massachusetts. In partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, MAPC began work on a **hydrologic modeling project** that simulates the impacts of future development on the water resources of the Charles River and Assabet River watersheds.

### **Getting Around the Region**

In March 2006, MAPC sponsored a conference on the impact of transportation emissions on public health. The workshop began a process to build connections, raise awareness, and stimulate action around the issue of air pollution adjacent to major roadways and rail corridors. The content and results of this workshop are available at [www.mapc.org/air\\_quality](http://www.mapc.org/air_quality).

MAPC developed a **Regional Bicycle Plan** in 2006 to assess current conditions and to guide future improvements to bicycle transportation in the region. The plan reviews goals set in previous plans, and proposes six general goals and strategies for the region, including encouraging more trips by bicycle in each community, working with state and federal agencies to simplify and coordinate funding programs, and increasing regional knowledge about bicycling. The plan can be accessed at [www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation\\_alternatives.html](http://www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html).

A consistent complain of bicyclists is the lack of parking. To address this need, MAPC worked with the MPO and EOT to develop the **Regional**

**Bike Parking Program.** Under this program, MAPC negotiated **discount group purchasing contracts** with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment, funded through federal transportation funds. More information about MAPC's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities, and the bike parking program, is available at [www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation\\_alternatives.html](http://www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html).

### **Collaboration to Address Shared Municipal Challenges**

MAPC, through its Metro Mayors Coalition, played a leading role in developing legislation to create a statewide anti-gang initiative known as the **Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative**, which supports regional and multi-disciplinary gang and youth violence prevention and law enforcement efforts. MAPC coordinated Shannon grants totaling \$1.2 million for 10 Metro Boston communities and 7 Essex County communities. These communities used the funds to enhance public safety through targeted workforce development, after-school mentoring, re-entry initiatives, gang-prevention education, and collaborative community policing.

MAPC facilitated the work of the **Municipal Health Insurance Working Group**, which drafted and proposed landmark legislation to let cities and towns purchase their health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission.

### **Collaboration for Safety**

MAPC carries out fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the **Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC)**, a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2006, NERAC distributed more than \$1.5 million in emergency equipment and supplies to member communities, and trained hundreds of first responders in various roles in the United States Department of Homeland Security incident command system.

In 2006, MAPC advanced **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) plans** for cities and towns throughout the region. These plans are designed to help communities reduce their vulnerability to damages due to natural hazards. The plans include an inventory of critical facilities and infrastructure in each community, a vulnerability analysis, and a mitigation strategy with specific recommended actions and projects that will protect the communities from future damages.

### **Collaboration for Savings**

MAPC's **Consortiums Project** administered 37 procurement contracts for 42 municipal clients in 2006, saving cities and towns up to 20% on

the purchases. As the administrator of the more than 300-member **Greater Boston Police Council** (GBPC), MAPC concluded 7 procurement contracts for public safety, public works and general use vehicles. In all, 142 municipalities purchased 180 vehicles. MAPC staff also collaborated on procurements that advanced MAPC's environmental and transportation objectives, helping communities to buy bicycle racks, hybrid vehicles, and water leak detection services at a favorable cost.

### **Charting a Course to Regionwide Prosperity**

MAPC developed its annual **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** (CEDS), an assessment of current regional economic trends and conditions. The report includes background about trends and conditions in the regional economy, including a discussion about the relationship between the economy and factors such as geography, population, labor force, resources, and the environment. MAPC's 2006 CEDS report can be downloaded at [www.mapc.org/economic\\_development/comprehensive\\_economic.html](http://www.mapc.org/economic_development/comprehensive_economic.html).

### **Tools to Improve Planning and Decision-Making**

MAPC's **Metro Data Center** partnered with The Boston Foundation to develop the **MetroBoston DataCommon**, a new online data and mapping tool for residents and leaders in the region. The resource, which helps individuals to create customized maps and charts, is available at [www.MetroBostonDataCommon.org](http://www.MetroBostonDataCommon.org). The Data Center partnered with MAPC's Legislative Committee to advocate for the establishment of a **statewide population estimates program** at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. The program, funded at \$100,000 in the FY2007 budget, lays the foundation for the Commonwealth to analyze Census estimates in a more robust way.

MAPC's **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab** provides professional services and products and technical assistance in support of local and regional planning projects. In 2006, MAPC's GIS team completed extensive projects for the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) region, and maps associated with the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, both of which are described above. The GIS Lab also made major contributions to the MetroBoston DataCommon and the MetroFuture planning project. The Lab also began mapping areas suitable for economic development throughout the region, in accordance with smart growth principles.

In 2006, MAPC transitioned from a paper to an electronic newsletter, the **Regional Record**, which is distributed quarterly, and provides updates on the latest regional projects and thinking, and provides opportunities

for residents and communities to get involved in various events. People interested in receiving the e-newsletter can send their e-mail addresses to [contactinfo@mapc.org](mailto:contactinfo@mapc.org).

### **On Beacon Hill: 2005 – 2006 Legislative Session**

- **Brownfields Redevelopment:**  
The Legislature recapitalized the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund with \$30 million, and extended and enhanced the Brownfields Tax Credit so that non-profit development projects can raise equity by selling the credit to taxable entities.
- **Expedited Permitting:**  
The Legislature passed a law to expedite permitting of commercial/industrial developments in “priority development sites” designated by cities and towns. In part as a result of MAPC’s advocacy, the new law includes funding for technical assistance to municipalities, development of a statewide expedited permitting model, and criteria to steer priority development sites toward smart growth locations.
- **GIS Data Layer:**  
MAPC successfully advocated for \$400,000 in the FY2007 budget to update and improve the quality of Mass GIS data linking aerial photographs to land uses on the ground.
- **Statewide Population Estimates Program:**  
MAPC led the advocacy effort to establish a statewide population estimates program at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. The program was funded at \$100,000 in the FY2007 budget.
- **Shannon Community Safety Initiative:**  
The Legislature created a new \$11 million grant program to encourage the creation of regional, multi-disciplinary initiatives to combat gang violence, youth violence, and substance abuse.
- **Sewer Rate Relief:**  
The Legislature included \$25 million in the FY2007 budget for water and sewer rate relief, which will help lower costs for residential consumers and businesses served by sewer districts, including the MWRA.
- **Surplus Land:**  
Both the House and Senate passed legislation to reform the state’s surplus land disposition policy. Both bills included an assignable municipal right of first refusal to purchase the parcel at a discount; a professional smart growth review for larger parcels; a Surplus Land Coordinating Council to oversee disposition; and a municipal share of 10%-25% of proceeds in instances where the municipal right of first refusal is not exercised. Unfortunately, the Conference Committee did not

advance the bill to final passage, but significant progress was made setting the foundation for the 2007-08 legislative session.

Two major development issues were also highlighted this year; mixed-use zoning and Chapter 40R. MAPC presented an overview of the mixed-use zoning toolkit that is available on the website. Based on member interest, the November meeting was a panel discussion of Chapter 40R that brought together consultants and communities to share their experiences with 40R.

The two key environmental issues that were addressed were peak season water demand management and the natural hazard mitigation planning grant. Seven NSPC communities chose to participate in the regional grant to develop natural hazard mitigation plans. This planning effort got underway in July.

### **South Shore Coalition**

In 2006, the South Shore Coalition (SSC), one of the eight subregions of MAPC, met on a monthly basis to discuss issues of mutual interest and to learn about MAPC activities and products. The SSC includes the following communities: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, and Weymouth. In December 2006, the towns of Braintree and Holbrook were moved from the Inner Core Subregion to the South Shore Coalition, bringing the total number of communities up to 13.

During 2006, SSC meetings addressed the following regional transportation issues, through presentations or discussions: Subregional representation in the MPO, use of the Route 3 breakdown lane, the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program priorities, suburban mobility funding opportunities, bicycle transportation, and the development of MAPC's parking toolkit. Meeting topics also included Peak Water Demand Management, expedited permitting, and Coastal Hazard Commission draft recommendations. Planners from MAPC also visited the SSC in February to present findings from Phase 2 of MetroFuture through a presentation on the Current Trends Scenario. Each meeting also included a community exchange, discussion of MAPC Executive Director's report, and other updates.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.



## *Hingham Memorial Bell Tower*

*During the year 2006* visitors from England came to ring and visit the Memorial Bell Tower. Visitors from the surrounding towns and local residents make frequent visits to the Tower. Many climb up to where the bells are housed and are quite amazed at the sight. They are anxious to try their hand at ringing and totally enjoyed the experience.

Each year we make the necessary repairs to maintain the preservation of the Tower for future generations.

The Bell Tower Committee members would like to extend a welcome to all visitors and especially encourage potential ringers to the Tower. Having this bell tower in Hingham is an asset to the town. It would be very unfortunate if ringing had to stop because of the lack of ringers. We ring the bells on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us on Tuesday evenings.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
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John McKendry  
Shirley Newsom

Pete Shaw  
Betty Shaw  
Nancy Stimson  
Justine Thurston  
Dorcas Wagner

## *Open Space Acquisition Committee*

*The Open Space Acquisition Committee is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Conservation Commission and one each by the Planning Board and the Selectmen. With assistance from Conservation Officer Cliff Prentiss, the Committee evaluates opportunities for the acquisition and protection of open space parcels against a number of criteria, including whether the Town's acquisition of the parcel would (i) preserve Hingham's character, (ii) protect Hingham's water resources, (iii) abut or link up existing conservation lands, (iv) provide public access for walking, biking or other recreation, (v) preserve or enhance distinctive streetscapes, views or vistas, or (vi) preserve important wildlife or vegetation habitat. When appropriate, the Committee negotiates the terms and conditions for the Town's acquisition of the parcel for presentation to the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting.*

The Committee was instrumental in the Town's acquisition of the 17.5-acre parcel known as "Schultz's Field" near the golf driving range in 2003 and approximately six acres of relatively rare open wetlands and emergent marshlands off Downer Avenue near Foster School in 2004, and assisted in the Town's acquisition of the house and 3.88-acre lot off the southern end of Scotland Street approved at the 2006 annual Town Meeting. The house will be acquired by the Hingham Housing Authority for affordable housing, and the excess land will be added to the surrounding McKenna Marsh conservation land owned by the Conservation Commission.

The Committee has also arranged for a generous donation to the Conservation Commission of a small semi-circle of land between lower Water Street and the Home Meadows. This property, when cleared and cleaned up, will open up a view of the newly restored Home Meadows to passersby on Water Street.

As of the writing of this report, the Committee is actively pursuing several potential open space acquisition opportunities.

The Committee welcomes new member Susan Berry, a former member of the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee and a life-long resident of the Town.

John L. Davenport, Chair  
Susan Berry  
Roderick C. Gaskell  
Michael Pollard  
Peter Rosen

## *Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project*

*The Project is a special district* created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2006 season began with a normal water table until record May precipitation produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 13,708 requests for service from residents.

In response to the elevated threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on July 17, 2006. Of the season's record breaking total of one hundred fifty seven EEE isolates, fifty four were from Plymouth County as follows: Bridgewater- 8/1(2), 8/18, 8/19; Brockton- 9/18; Carver- 7/17, 8/2, 8/6, 8/21(2), 8/22, 10/2; Cohasset- 8/25; East Bridgewater- 8/9; Halifax- 8/2(2), 8/7, 8/10, 8/16, 8/21, 8/31(3); Hanover- 9/18; Hingham- 9/12; Kingston- 8/7(2), 8/10(2), 8/21, 8/22, 9/25; Lakeville- 7/25, 7/26(2), 8/2, 8/6(4), 8/22; Marshfield- 8/31; Mattapoisett- 8/10; Middleboro- 8/1; Pembroke- 8/16; Plympton- 7/31, 8/16(2), 8/28, 8/30; Rochester- 9/6; Rockland- 8/14 and Scituate- 9/12. Five human cases of EEE were confirmed statewide with cases reported in Lakeville and Middleboro. Three horses were diagnosed with EEE in Plymouth County (Lakeville, Middleboro and Pembroke). A Llama from Scituate was also tested positive for EEE.

Analysis of risk indicators in Southeastern Massachusetts were showing that the risk of human EEE infection was at a critical level. This precipitated aerial spraying at dusk on August 8<sup>th</sup> of approximately 159,000 acres and an expanded aerial spray zone of approximately 425,000 acres between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> which included a great portion of Plymouth County. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year we suspended our ULV ground spray season on

September 30. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "moderate level of EEE risk" beginning the 2007 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2006 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. A total of five birds tested positive for WNV in the following three towns: Bridgewater (3), Brockton (1) and Pembroke (1). A total of six isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Bridgewater (8/22), Carver (8/21), Halifax (8/30), Kingston (9/19), Pembroke (8/6) and Plympton (8/30).

The recurring problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 6,681 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 3,242 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

**Water Management.** During 2006 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,725 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

**Machine Reclamation.** 1,775 linear feet of upland ditch was reconstructed in Hingham using the Project's track driven excavator.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than two days with more than 537 complaints answered

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Hingham indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Ochlerotatus abserratus*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) or call our office (781-585-5450) for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

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## Public Library

"The richest person in the world – in fact all the riches in the world – couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local public library."

The late Malcolm Forbes  
Publisher of Forbes Magazine

*Reach for a book and you can become inspired, informed, or transported.* Reading is about the experiences and emotions that lie between the covers waiting to be savored. And while each experience is individual and every book unique, there is no place that brings them all together like the Hingham Public Library [HPL]. With over 140,000 books and nearly 15,000 registered borrowers, good things are bound to happen and they have.

HPL remains one of the busiest libraries in the Commonwealth, keeping pace with an engaged public through a blend of tradition, technology and a knowledgeable staff. In Fiscal Year 2006, HPL received an estimated 285,000 visits and loaned 444,600 items, logging another record-breaking year. HPL consistently appears in the top five libraries in the Commonwealth for its population grouping in nearly every metric. The Library's Circulation staff not only managed a growing circulation, it also transferred an astounding 82,620 items among the member libraries of the Old Colony Library Network. Nearly 400 individuals have subscribed to this free service.

Meanwhile, HPL's website [www.hinghamlibrary.org](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org) continues to attract an ever-growing on-line community [over 500,000 visits in FY06]. The usage and importance of the website and our other electronic offerings are anticipated to grow rapidly as patrons come to expect 24/7 library service. The Library's new interest management feature added to the website has further demonstrated patron interest in staying in the know through email notification about events and services.

Even with the overwhelming volume of information accessible via the Internet, HPL's Reference and Reader Services Department continues to handle between 100 and 120 information requests per week. The Department also continues to add new databases – most recently, *Ancestry.com* and *Heritage Quest Online*. Together, these two resources provide Hingham cardholders a wealth of data on genealogy and local history.

The Reference and Reader Services Department applied for and received a \$10,000 federal grant through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners aimed at improving the staff's reader advisory skills. The

goal, at which we continue to work, is to create a core group of staff with extensive knowledge of both fiction and non-fiction and the ability to match the right book with the right reader.

The Department also continues to focus on cultural programming. This year's events included monthly "Evenings with the Author" presented in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset; the launch of two Great Books discussion groups; a Summer film and discussion series on the Brontes; a four-part series called "Understanding the Modern Middle East," funded by the Mass. Foundation for the Humanities; and a discussion series on contemporary Jewish literature called "Let's Talk About It," funded by a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association.

One of the most transaction intensive pieces of real estate within HPL is managed by the Audio-Visual Department [AV]. In the past year, AV's circulation of 129,044 items is up 8% over the previous year. This year's biggest growth came from music CDs and DVDs. Interest in CD audiobooks remains strong and the new downloadable audiobooks are just beginning to gather momentum.

AV's "Independent Movie Night" has a loyal following as does the "Sunday Sounds Special" concert series offered in conjunction with the Boston Classical Guitar Society.

They're wild, rambunctious and unafraid. They're open to suggestions and looking for answers. They're kids and they're here in great numbers. And before we know it, they'll be all grown up. Doctors, teachers and may be even a world leader among them. HPL's Children's Department is focused on keeping their options open. The Department's Summer Reading Program is designed to keep kids thinking long after Summer vacation begins. Research shows that children who read over the Summer start school in the Fall better prepared to hit the ground running in the new school year. This year, over 700 children participated in the insect-themed reading adventure, "What's Buzzin' at your Library." The reading program was augmented by activities, special events and more to keep the kids involved. The Department's year-round effort to make sweeping upgrades to its "mystery" section also is paying huge dividends. Eager young readers return again and again to ask "What's the next mystery in the series?"

Not all of the Library's achievements are as visible as those of our public service departments. The Cataloging Department, while understaffed, did its best to keep the flow of new materials moving to the shelves in a timely way. The Department continued to oversee the removal of

outdated items from the collection and to maintain high standards for entering records in the Old Colony Library Network database.

The Library's building and grounds saw some improvements in Fiscal Year 2006 and in the first half of Fiscal Year 2007. The Garden Club of Hingham has funded a new irrigation system for the main entrance planting beds and largely underwrote the cost of planting new groundcover. The Library's parking lot will be brighter and safer as the new lot lighting is expected to be completed in December 2006. Unfortunately, the roof over the Children's Department has continued to deteriorate and will need to be replaced in Fiscal Year 2008, budget permitting. Lighting improvements to the Dolphin Gallery were made using funds donated in memory of the late Jean Reardon.

The Board of Library Trustees also has worked tirelessly on our Long Range Service and Technology Plans, fund-raising and matters of board organization. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignations of Trustees Peggy Weymouth and Barbara Sullivan. Both individuals had long service to the Board and made many a substantive contribution to the success of the Library.

The Trustees also were instrumental in securing a multi-year commitment to fund the "Joan Gasparello Memorial Lecture Series." Through the generous support of the Gasparello Family, the Library will invite prestigious authors and personalities to speak at the Hingham Public Library. The initial lecture is expected to place in early 2007.

Several notes of appreciation and recognition are in order. To Joan Newell for her dedicated service as our Volunteer Coordinator; to our many volunteers who gave 4,351 hours of service and without whom we would be a less effective and less efficient library; to the Garden Club of Hingham for its generosity in maintaining our landscaping and for the provision of elegant floral displays within the Library; and to Circulation Supervisor Linda Harper for winning the Town's 2006 Donna Mayberry Greenberg Employee Award for "Productivity and Efficiency."

HPL's achievements wouldn't be possible without the strong support of the entire community. Local taxpayers provide the lion's share of HPL's funding. The balance of our funding comes from the Library's endowment, fees, donations and State Library Aid. Without all of these funding sources working together, it would be impossible to provide the extensive resources our community has come to value and expect. Thanks to all. Your generosity and on-going support is appreciated.

Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director



## *Hingham Public Schools*

*As of October 1, 2006*, there were 3724 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 43 students over June 2006. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 72 pre-school students in the integrated program, 52 out-of-district students (special education), and 5 vocational students.

The Facility Study Committee (funded by the April 2005 Town Meeting) finished its work in early 2006 and recommended a ten-year Master Plan to the School Committee. The plan, needed to address overcrowding issues and facilities limitations, includes the building of a new elementary school on the former East School site, an addition and renovations to the middle school, and a capital improvement plan for Foster and Plymouth River Schools. The School Committee adopted the Master Plan and requested Town Meeting 2006 action to establish a building committee and appropriate \$1.7 million dollars for initial designs costs for the project. The vote was a unanimous one and the 2006 Building Committee was appointed and began work in early summer 2006.

The 2006 Town Election saw Barbara Cook elected as a new member of the School Committee, replacing Arthur Shabo. Linda Hill was re-elected to the Committee, and Chrisanne Gregoire was elected as Chair in May 2006.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2007 (school year 2006-2007) was approved in April 2006 at \$31,611,897 an increase of 6.42% over the prior year. A capital budget of \$353,000 included \$150,000 for technology upgrades and replacements, and \$50,000 for needed furnishings and equipment. The remaining \$153,000 was allocated to carpet replacement at Foster and South and to other needs such as bathroom refurbishing and library lighting and ceiling upgrades at PRS and a pre-K bathroom installation at South. New initiatives in the operating budget included funding for the first phase of the elementary mathematics adoption, the expansion of Spanish to grades 3-5, an additional special education teacher and sixth grade teacher at the middle school, and some enrollment related staffing and expansion of the athletic program at the high school.

Spring 2006 MCAS test results released last fall again indicated that Hingham students continue to perform above state averages across the grade spectrum. All members of the Class of 2006 received a state certified high school diploma and everyone in the Classes of 2007 and 2008 has passed the requisite MCAS tests as well. SAT and AP results for the Class of 2007 indicated high levels of achievement with the SAT I combined score, at 1668 (reflecting the addition of a new writing test).

Ninety-six percent of the HHS Class of 2006 took the SAT Reasoning Test as compared with 85% of Massachusetts students and 48% of the nation's seniors.

With completion of the McGraw-Hill elementary reading adoption in 2005-2006, attention has turned to mathematics. September 2006 saw all grades K-3 classrooms using the new Everyday Mathematics program, with teacher training occurring in Summer 2006 and continuing throughout the school year. Grade 4 mathematics texts have been requested as part of the FY 2008 budget, with implementation planned for September 2007. As of September 2006, all kindergarten students will be screened using the DIBELS assessment, an early screening tool that tests a variety of early literacy skills and which provides data to foster appropriate monitoring or intervention.

On June 3, 2006, 247 students graduated from Hingham High School. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2006 include: two National Merit semifinalists, 4 NM commended students, 41 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 53 members inducted into the National Honor Society. Ninety-five percent of the graduates planned to continue their formal education.

At the eighth annual Senior Awards Night, 212 members of the Class of 2006 were honored. Over \$283,000 in local scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. As well as scholarships, myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or a student's involvement in school organizations.

Hingham High School, with sponsorship by the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club, held its third academic recognition banquet on May 25, 2006. One hundred students (25 from each class) were welcomed into the HHS Century Club with the Rotary Club generously providing the students with dinner, a certificate, and gifts. Police Chief Steve Carlson was the featured speaker.

In preparation for a fall 2007 accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, members of the high school community have been in the process of completing the required self-study reports.

Athletics remain an important part of the Hingham High School program. Approximately 65% of all students participate in at least one interscholastic sport, and team records were impressive again in 2006. The Hingham High School boys hockey team qualified for the Super 8 for the fifth successive year in February 2006. Both the boys and girls indoor track teams finished their year as 2006 state champions.

The fall 2006 boys soccer team was a South Sectional finalist for the second year in a row. Not to be outdone, the boys golf team qualified for and won the Division II South Sectional championship. The girls field hockey team was undefeated in Fall 2006 and finished the season as Patriot League champions. With a record of 10 and 2, the 2006 football team was undefeated in their league and qualified for Super Bowl play.

Enrollment growth at Hingham Middle School continues to exacerbate the shortage of classroom, small group and office space there. Sixth grade class size grew again in September 2006 as 303 students enrolled, increasing the overall middle school enrollment by 43 students over June 2006. The middle school faculty and staff are working closely with the architect (Ai 3) and the 2006 School Building Committee to provide input into the conceptual design for the proposed renovation and addition to HMS.

Middle school activities continue to attract student enthusiasm and interest. Newer offerings include the Science Explorers Club, which sponsored trips to the New England Aquarium, the Boston Museum of Science, a robotics competition at MIT and a winter wildlife expedition. In addition, club members participated in a scientific field study that monitored crab species for McGill University. The Adventure Club, the largest school club, continues to grow and has offered extended trips with activities such as camping, hiking, rafting, and skiing.

The middle school is in the second year of a three-year grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to help prevent teenage obesity. The "Jump Up and Go" grant money is being used to educate students about the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity. Funding has provided for teacher training and for supervision and instruction for after school student activities,

"We Change but Remain the Same" is the theme chosen by the Foster School Council in Spring 2006 as both Principal Mary Ann Morrissey and Assistant Principal Albert Kimball retired at the end of the 2005-2006 year. They were replaced by Principal Debbie Stellar, who brings considerable out-of-state experience, and by Assistant Principal, Betsy Connolly, a long time Hingham educator. The entire school community has been exploring the concept of change, with the book "Who Moved My Cheese?" facilitating some of the discussion.

Spring 2006 brought a facelift to Foster School. Wall and locker painting, floor tile and molding replacements, the purchase of area rugs and classroom ceiling fans, cafeteria and lobby area refurbishing and entrance landscaping have brightened the work environment for both children and adults. A Fall 2006 Foster "Fun Run" raised funds to

purchase playground equipment for enhanced student enjoyment at recess.

Family Math Night has continued as an annual Foster activity, with increased participation and a growing level of parent interest. With one of the themes of the new math adoption being a strong, home-school connection, the Family Math Night will likely grow in importance.

Foster's strong focus on environmental awareness continues to expand. The school has taken a leadership role with respect to the district-wide paper recycling effort. During Summer 2006, Foster raised funds from returnables that were collected at the landfill, and the monies were used to purchase additional containers to allow expansion of the recycling efforts to water bottles and cardboard.

Summer 2006 projects at Plymouth River School included a front entrance landscape project, the construction of an additional classroom within a portion of the library and a complete renovation of the remaining library space. The PTO contributed significantly to the latter project, which included updated lighting, new furnishings and book stacks, painting and new window treatments. The PRS population remains at more than 100 students higher than either of the other two elementary schools.

Mathematics incentive programs were a focus at Plymouth River School for the 2005-2006 school year. Activities such as Problem of the Day, a fourth grade math lab and math audit, and a Math Olympics program, participated in by more than 300 students, were designed as opportunities for students to connect math to the real world, to increase exposure to higher level thinking skills, and to enhance student attitudes about mathematics. The result was a dramatic improvement in the Spring 2006 MCAS scores in mathematics.

The kindergarten team and the reading specialist at Plymouth River collaborated to organize the 1000 Book Club, which was unveiled in Fall 2006. The goal is to provide quality literature to pre-schoolers and kindergarten students while fostering an early connection between home and school for students in the Plymouth River district.

With funding from the Hingham Education Foundation, South School's nature trail was upgraded in 2006 with new sign markers and signage, which will promote greater use and access.

The fulfillment of School Council goals for South School has resulted in an expanded after school enrichment program (FLY South), the sponsorship of two Fall 2006 parent seminars to strengthen the

home/school connection, and beginning work on the implementation of the Mass. Department of Transportation's Safe Route to School Program.

Service to others and global outreach were a main focus of activities at South School during 2006. An example is the establishment of the Luke McDermott Memorial Fund. Luke was a former 4th grader at South who died in a tragic bicycle accident in 2005. Fundraising efforts, including a faculty – student basketball game, resulted in the spring dedication of a courtyard garden in Luke's memory. The Global Outreach Committee supported efforts to raise money for the Biamba Maria Mutombo Hospital in Africa, the donation of art supplies to an orphanage in Southern India, the shipping of used books to the You Xian Middle and High School in China and the purchase of sundry gifts to US soldiers in Iraq.

During 2006, the Hingham Public Schools continued to move forward, with the support of parents, community groups, and civic organizations. Progress in realizing the district's stated mission, and the many other goals that are established annually by the administration, was again both visible and measurable in 2006. The School Department and the School Committee appreciate the level of community support that has marked another year of sound educational practice, demonstrated academic progress, and meaningful programs and activities for the youth of Hingham.

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Superintendent of Schools

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## *Public Works Building Committee*

*The April 2002 Town Meeting established the Public Works Building Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee was authorized to plan, design and construct a Project on the Town owned property known as the School Depot Parcel and the Bare Cove Parcel. The Bare Cove Parcel is not part of Bare Cove Park.*

The Project involves the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of four new athletic fields. At the April 2003 Town Meeting, funding was authorized to allow the Committee to contract with the design engineer, Gale Associates, Inc. for the design of the Project. At the Town Meetings for 2004 and 2005, the Town approved additional funding to allow the design of the Project to proceed and to fund a small portion of the construction. At Town Meeting in 2006, the Town approved construction funding. The Committee obtained a Special Permit for the project in the spring of 2006.

An abutter filed a lawsuit challenging the Town's issuance of the Special Permit. Construction cannot commence until the lawsuit has been disposed of. Unfortunately, the delays caused by the filing of the lawsuit can be expected to result in significant escalation of the construction costs for the Project.

The Committee is proceeding to complete the design of the Project and has undertaken work to remove asbestos containing materials from the site. The Committee hopes that it will be able to commence construction in the summer of 2007, subject to resolution of the lawsuit.

Robert P. Garrity, Chairman  
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William Martin  
Brian Mc Sweeney  
Karl Willner

## *Recreation Commission*

*The Recreation Commission is a five member elected board* responsible for the oversight of the Recreation Department. For 2006, the Recreation Department adopted the theme of "Recreating Recreation". Working cooperatively with the Recreation Department, other Town Departments and organizations, the Recreation Commission strives to expand program offerings, improve facilities and increase the quality of recreation and leisure opportunities to better serve the community.

The mission of the Hingham Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham Community. Our program offerings will strive to assist all Hingham Residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The demand for the Summer Playground and Preschool Programs has for years exceeded the capacity. Sadly, children were excluded from participation and parents have had to deal with wait lists with little or no hope of placement. A lottery system is equally fair to all residents. The goal to provide every child a summer recreation experience was achieved by restructuring the program. Everyone participating in the lottery was placed in their first choice session. Families requesting additional sessions were also accommodated. Openings remain available in some sessions for those residents who were unable to participate in the lottery. In consideration of working parents, Children After Playground "CAP" was initiated to extend the summer fun until 5PM each day. A new Leaders In Training program was started to attract 14 and 15 year old teens to the Recreation Department Summer Programs.

The Recreation Department attempts to complement existing programs and services already provided within the community. Historically, Recreation Department children's programs have included ski trips, sports fundamentals, middle school dances, vacation week programs and an egg hunt. Adult programs have included dog training, CPR, yoga, pilates and spinning. The Recreation Commission is pleased with the progress that has been made with increasing program offerings this year. The diversity of new programs offered are attracting participation by a broad constituency.

A variety of special events for children include Halloween Parties, Christmas in the Square, Friday Night Lights and the 45 Club. Early Release Day activities are offered including bowling, roller-skating, ice-skating and a holiday shopping trip to the Emerald Square Mall. A variety of family friendly excursions are offered including the Secrets of Salem Scavenger Hunt, The Roger Williams Park Zoo and the American

Girl Doll Place in New York City. Understanding that recreation is for residents of all ages and interests, the Recreation Department offers several day trips for adults including the Freeport Outlets, Newport Mansion Holiday Tour, New York City, Daffodil Days on Nantucket and a Block Island cruise. Adventure programs are offered to attract teens to recreate by participating in the Archery, Canoeing or Rock Climbing programs. Teen trips include Paintball, Water Country and Canobie Lake Amusement Park. The Recreation Department assumed the responsibility of running the Ski lesson program held at the Blue Hills Ski Area in Milton. Numerous new programs are offered for the youth including Sign Language, Calligraphy, Painting, Tennis, Whiffle Ball, and several fitness programs. Saturday Super Sports programs offer a wide variety of sports opportunities for children of all ages.

Consisting of a gymnasium, arcade style game room, preschool room, program room and the Hingham Striders Fitness Room, the Recreation Center is a multi generational facility that serves to enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages, interests and abilities. The Recreation Center also includes outdoor soccer and baseball fields, basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, tennis courts and a roller rink as well as the East Street Skating Pond. The Recreation Center is open and available for the community to utilize on a daily basis.

Membership in the Hingham Striders Fitness Room is available to residents and employees of the Town of Hingham who are at least 18 years of age. The Fitness Room contains a full complement of weight training and cardiovascular equipment offering residents a relaxed, low-key atmosphere in which to train. Childcare is available for members weekdays from 9 AM until Noon when school is in session. The membership fees cover the cost of operation. Excess of revenues over expenditures will be used to further improve the facility.

Open Rec is an opportunity for children who are at least 8 years of age to enjoy unstructured free playtime in the Gymnasium or Game Room. Open Rec is available every day from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, including weekends. Open Rec affords the children a safe and supervised atmosphere to socialize with their friends and peers.

The Recreation Department has operated at a deficit of approximately \$25,000 for the past 3 fiscal years resulting in an accumulated net deficit in the revolving fund of \$77,754.13 as of June 30, 2006. A major goal of the Recreation Commission was to reduce and ultimately eradicate this deficit. Changes in departmental administration and financial and cash management procedures have resulted in a net balance in the revolving fund of \$20,793.18 as of December 31, 2006.



The Recreation Commission extends gratitude to the many individuals, school and sports groups, civic and business organizations, town boards, committees and departments who have lent their support and assistance in our efforts to best serve the recreational needs of the community. While too numerous to mention individually, none are forgotten and all are sincerely appreciated.

Thomas Campbell, Chairman  
Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth, Vice-Chair  
Kristin Parnell, Secretary  
Robert Keyes  
Frank Jones  
Kathleen Clarkeson, Director  
Mark Thorell, Program Manager

### *Scholarship Fund Committee*

*The Scholarship Committee is charged to invest the assets of Hingham's scholarship fund.* Scholarship fund assets for the year ending 2006 totaled \$3,297,745.65 compared to \$3,088,733.77 at year end 2005, an overall increase of 6.8%, which represents investment returns plus capital additions and withdrawals.

During 2006 markets were positive: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was up 15.8% for the year (versus 4.8% last year), The Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond index was up 4.3%, and three month U.S. Treasury Bills returned an average 4.5% over 2006.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 161 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2006, totaling \$150,350 (In 2004, 163 students received awards totaling \$135,600). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.5 million has been awarded to college bound Hingham High School students.

At the beginning of 2006, the fund was structured with about 73% of its assets in equity securities and about 27% in bonds and money market instruments. The fund's current asset mix has shifted slightly: 74% equity / 26% bonds and money market. The committee feels that a large proportional exposure to stocks is justified given the perpetual nature of the fund.

During 2006, the committee continued to implement the guidelines set forth in The Investment Policy Statement for The Scholarship Fund, which was formalized in 2005. New investments included a rebalance of 10% portfolio into international equities, intended to diversify risk.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$10,728. The Committee welcomes continued contributions to the fund in whatever amounts, however, a minimum of \$2,500 is needed to establish a separately named scholarship. For contributions less than the minimum the Hingham Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. It must be noted that the committee could not properly function without the efforts of the professional employees of the Town of Hingham; in particular Nancy Leahy of the Treasurer's office who handles the many administrative details involved with donations and distributions throughout the year.

Heidi Ford, Chairman  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer  
Scott D. Peterson, Clerk  
Kenneth M. Buntrock  
Francis Gaul  
Frederick J. Hussey  
James MacAllen  
Patricia Tomecek  
Lisa Virello

## *2006 School Building Committee*

*The 2006 Hingham School Building Committee was created by Article 17 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting to begin the implementation of the ten year school facility master plan concurrently adopted by the town meeting. The ten year master plan was developed by the School Facility Study Committee, culminating a 2 year town effort to study and address three significant challenges facing our school facilities and, ultimately, the quality of the education provided in Hingham:*

1. *Enrollment growth creating serious space crunch* – Following an increase of 399 students during the 1990's, enrollment in Hingham's public schools continued to grow by an additional 364 students during the past seven years. This is placing serious overcrowding pressures on school buildings and forcing the loss of specialized instruction space to be used instead for core classrooms in order to maintain desirable teacher-class size ratios,
2. *Continued projections of enrollment growth over the coming decade* – Several studies over the past three years of enrollment trends project continued growth in school population, which will result in a system-wide space shortage of 600 to 800 seats. This will put further pressure on classroom sizes and continue to squeeze out spaces available for specialized instruction,
3. *Necessary capital improvements to Plymouth River, Foster and the Middle School* – Recent study of these facilities show that, while well maintained generally, the combination of age and growing population are creating a need for focused capital investment in order to continue a high quality learning environment in coming years.

The core components of the Ten Year School Master Plan – as unanimously approved by the 2006 Annual Town Meeting – are as follows:

1. Construct a new 630 student PK-5 elementary school at the site of the former East Elementary School,
2. Improve and expand the capacity of the grades 6-8 Middle School,
3. Capital improvements and refitting of specialized instruction space at Foster and Plymouth River Elementary Schools.

The 2006 Town Meeting established a School Building Committee and appropriated \$1.7 million to the Committee in order to begin the initial phase of implementing the master plan. Specifically, the Committee was directed to complete all design work on the new elementary school, complete schematic design for the improved Middle School and

complete schematic design for the improvements to Foster and Plymouth River Schools.

The Members of the School Building Committee were named in June 2006 and the Committee held its first meeting that month. Members were given background information ranging from the report of the School Facility Study Committee and the 2005 Ad Hoc Space Needs Task Force, which summarized the school space challenge, to guidelines on public construction. Members also visited Hingham's school buildings. The two principal challenges facing the committee were,

1. An aggressive master plan timeline calling for the opening of the new elementary school in September 2008 and the opening of the expanded Middle School in September 2010, and
2. The uncertainty of the new Massachusetts School Building Authority program, which will reopen the state school construction grant program in July 2007, but will not decide which communities will receive reimbursement for school projects until at least December 2007.

The first official actions of the Committee were to hire the professional team to undertake this project. After reviewing applications from 14 project management firms and interviewing principals from six firms, the Committee hired Knight, Bagge and Anderson, Inc. with Mary Mahoney as the direct Project Manager. Ms. Mahoney was the Project Manager on the most recent projects to renovate the Hingham High School and the South School. The Committee then selected to retain the services of Architectural Involution, LLC (Ai3) of Wayland, MA as the project architect. Ai3 provided the planning and professional services in the development of the 2006 School Master Plan and was chosen in an extensive selection process held by the Facility Study Committee. The Committee was strongly convinced that this professional team offered the ideal combination of skills to address the challenges of the Hingham project based on review of previous work in other towns, their previous work with the town of Hingham and in their previous work together on the very successful Whitman-Hanson Regional High School project.

Throughout the fall and early winter work proceeded quickly on the design of the proposed new elementary school and the Middle School. Ai3 staff held several meetings with administration and faculty to discuss programmatic goals. Regular meetings were held to deliberate over the progression of various designs, and to consult with abutters and other relevant town committees, including with the School Committee, Advisory Committee, Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals as well as school parent organizations and other public forums. The Committee also commissioned a new enrollment study in order to

update and confirm the enrollment circumstances that warranted the Master Plan. Meetings with the faculty at Plymouth River and Foster Schools began in January 2007 to support design planning for the improvements at these buildings. Other than the continual management of the building design process, a focal point of the Committee's activities was continual interaction with the new Massachusetts School Building Authority. Committee members, school administration staff and our professional team participated in regular office visits, phone calls and conference workshops in order to understand the operations of the new state grant program and its implications for the timeline of our project.

The School Building Committee is delivering to the 2007 Annual Town Meeting the core products called for in our mandate. Working with the professional team, the Committee has produced complete design documents for the proposed new elementary school as well as schematic designs for the expansions and improvements to the Middle, Foster and Plymouth River Schools. However, the 2007 Town Meeting will not be asked for the full construction funds that would be required at this time in order to achieve the opening of the New School by September 2008 as envisioned in the Master Plan. The School Building Committee – in deliberation with the School Committee, Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen – determined that it was not in the best interest of the community to proceed with the request for full construction funding prior to a decision by the state Building Authority on reimbursement to the town for a portion of the costs.

The School Building Committee unanimously supports the Town Meeting article to appropriate \$255,000 in continued funding for the project. These funds will allow the Committee and the professional team to continue the progress of the Master Plan and to work with state officials through the summer and fall of 2007 for the support of our school projects. These funds will enable the town to collaborate effectively with state officials and continue professional services, which together will maximize both the reimbursement potential for the town as well as the adherence to the revised timetable of opening the new school in September 2009 – a critical objective with both educational and financial implications for the Hingham community.

Alan Macdonald, Chair  
Tim Collins, Vice Chair  
Steve Nagle, Secretary  
Samantha Anderson  
Peter Bradley  
Sandra Cleary  
Stefan Vogelmann

## *Long Range Planning Committee for the South Shore Country Club*

*The Long Range Planning Committee for the South Shore Country Club* (the Committee) was appointed by the Selectmen in the summer of 2005 and first met in October 2005. The Committee met regularly through the spring of 2006 and was joined at most meetings by representatives from the South Shore Country Club Management Committee (CCMC) and Advisory Board. We very much appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the CCMC, Chairman Dan Walsh and Nora Berard.

The Committee toured the South Shore Country Club (SSCC) facilities, met with Town personnel and used a questionnaire of Town citizens to obtain feedback on SSCC operations and to identify potential new uses for the facility. The Committee presented a report to the Selectmen on November 14, 2006.

The SSCC has been a valuable resource to the Town over the past 20 years. As indicated in the April 2006 Facilities Study Report, generally, the structures are old and some are in need of immediate replacement. If golf is to remain the primary activity, then a comprehensive plan is needed for both the operational and capital expenditures required to maintain a competitive golf operation. Other planning considerations should include:

- Evaluation and implementation of the Facilities Study recommendations. Need to upgrade or replace structures is a pressing issue. CCMC has recently completed a long-range capital budget.
- Decision on the need and viability of a full service restaurant/function facility.
- Since the pool needs to be replaced in the near future, a determination of type of facility and location needs to be made.
- Preparation of longer range revenue and expense projections, including capital needs to determine proper level of operating surplus transfer to Town.

In the longer term, consideration should be given to the consolidation of all Town recreation activities to better coordinate all recreational activities and related operating and capital funding.

Tom Campbell  
Kate Mahony  
Mary O'Donnell  
Bernie O'Neil

David Ramsdell  
Kevin Taylor  
Jim Welch

## *South Shore Recycling Cooperative*

*The Town of Hingham is a member of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC), a voluntary association of fifteen South Shore towns established by Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) and Special Legislation in 1998. Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.***

Representatives from each member town are appointed by the Selectmen.

The mission of the SSRC is: "to provide a forum of cooperative management of solid waste by members, to assist each member Town to improve the cost-effectiveness of their recycling efforts by providing economy of scale while maintaining full control over solid waste management; to assist members to improve programs to divert waste materials from the waste stream and to reduce the amount and toxicity of wastes; and to provide such assistance on an individual basis to each member Town and cooperatively in joint programs with other Towns."

Since 1998, each member town has paid an annual membership fee of \$4,000. In 2006 the SSRC raised a total of **\$60,000** through these fees, which the SSRC supplemented with \$14,278 in grants from MassDEP and Covanta at SEMASS. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and support various solid waste and recycling activities during the year to benefit member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2006 these activities **saved member towns an estimated \$154,800**, and provided **318 hours** of direct services to the towns.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCT COLLECTIONS**

The SSRC bid out and awarded a new contract for the collection and disposal of **household hazardous products** this year. By using this regional contract with **Clean Harbors**, Member Towns paid about **27% less** than the State contract rates, and avoided the administrative time to bid, schedule and publicize them. **2,622 residents** attended the thirteen collections held in 2006, and Member Towns saved **\$47,731** for this service. The contract also enabled **129 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**, which is administered by the Executive Director. The SSRC advertised the events with several thousand **flyers** delivered to the town halls and libraries, and ongoing press releases in all **local papers, on cable TV and the radio**. The Executive Director attended and helped run ten of the collections, handed out paint stirrers with cost saving instructions on latex paint disposal, provided signs and calculated the **proper billing** for the vendor to ensure that discounts and allowances were credited and visitors billed properly.

## **SPECIAL AND DIFFICULT TO MANAGE WASTE**

### **Construction and Bulky Waste**

By using an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a disposal rate of \$70-75/ton for **construction and bulky waste**, which is **\$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**. With generation of **7,533 tons**, Member Towns saved **\$94,165**.

### **Mattresses**

Cohasset, Hanover and Kingston save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to transport and process mattresses for \$14/each, including container rental. This arrangement saved the three participating towns approximately **\$11,900** on the **1,698 mattresses** they collected.

### **Compost and Brush**

The SSRC contracts for **brush grinding, compost screening and chip removal**, awarded to Letourneau Corp. and Lion's Head Organics in CY05, were used by six of our towns for 35 days.

### **Mercury Bearing Waste**

The SSRC helped the thirteen member towns that have contracts with SEMASS to maximize their benefits from the **Material Separation Plan (MSP)**, including the provision by SEMASS of digital thermometers for exchange, reimbursement for mercury disposal costs, and outreach assistance (HHP flyers, radio ads) valued at approximately **\$7,000**. These programs removed **about 100 lbs. of mercury** from the waste stream.

### **Paper**

The SSRC facilitated the siting of 76 Abitibi Paper Retriever containers at public and private entities in thirteen of our towns. In 2006, they captured an additional **406 tons** of paper, and returned **\$2,217** to the municipalities and local organizations.

### **Textiles**

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. Their competitors pay nothing, and service isn't always good. Five towns recycled **246 tons** of material through them, for which they were paid **\$12,319**.

### **Books**

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to the managers. Several towns set up book collections through them..



## **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

### **Recycle More Paper campaign**

The SSRC was awarded a Municipal Waste Reduction **grant of \$13,000** plus 80 hours of **Technical Assistance** from MassDEP for a paper recovery outreach campaign which resulted in an annualized **reduction in trash of over 2,500 tons**. Through the grant, the amount of recyclable paper that each of the fifteen towns was disposing (30,000 tons per year altogether, or about 62%), how much the waste was costing the towns (over \$2 million/year) was estimated and published by the local and regional press. Signs and banners also informed residents of the magnitude and cost of the waste, and six local paper shredding events, advertised in the local papers and radio, emphasized the scope of paper products that are recyclable. The towns recovered **106 more tons of paper** in the month of June than in the previous June.

### **Bill Inserts**

The Executive Director designed, customized and/or arranged for printing of "Recycle More Paper" bill stuffers for Abington, Duxbury, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth and Weymouth. This service is available to any member town that requests it. A template is included in this report.

### **Radio Ads**

The SSRC produced 8 more **radio ads** promoting recycling and waste reduction, in addition to the 16 recorded in 2005. Together they were broadcast over 400 times on **WATD** 95.9 fm (Marshfield), **WPLM** 99.1 fm (Plymouth) and **WJDA** 1300 am (Quincy) throughout the year. The SSRC obtained **sponsorship from Covanta at SEMASS** to cover 1/3 of the airtime cost for the ads. We also partnered with the North and South River Watershed Association for reduced airtime costs on WATD. Total cost was **\$9,505**.

### **Newspaper Contacts**

The SSRC releases articles and provides information to the local press about waste reduction and recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste.

### **Resident Contacts**

The Executive Director fielded **110 calls** from Member Towns' residents in CY06 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

### **Website**

**ssrc.info** provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites.

### **Marshfield Fair Recycling**

With assistance from the Mass. DEP and the Town of Marshfield, the SSRC worked with event organizers to continue **event recycling programs** at the **Marshfield Fair**. While public education was the main benefit, five tons of material was also diverted from the trash for recycling, and another ton was composted. Recycling containers from a previous grant are available for loan to all Member Town events.

### **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.**

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers on such issues as curbside contracting, disposal of special wastes, alternative vendors for different materials, regulations and accessing grants. She maintains regular contact with the solid waste managers from each town to stay up to date on their programs, update them on current trends, and advise on specific needs each town had. She attended Board/ committee meetings in **Hull, Kingston, Marshfield and Weymouth**, and helped **Hingham** source public space containers, **Hull** with a recycling RFQ, **Marshfield** with school tonnage tracking, **Norwell** on several difficult to manage wastes, **Plymouth** with data, **Rockland** with contract advice on recycling and hot loads, and **Scituate** on compliance with the new regulations. She also provided the MSW managers with a nine page **directory of service providers**.

### **Quarterly Newsletter**

The SSRC publishes a newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community, including local solid waste news, regulatory and legislative proposals, meetings and seminars. The newsletter is circulated to over 350 town officials, legislators, regulators and volunteers, and is posted online at [ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info).

### **Monthly Meetings**

The SSRC provides valuable **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended **Solid Waste Manager meetings**, at which solid waste collection, disposal and recycling service, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed among member towns. Guest speakers provide information on subjects of interest to the local MSW community, including special waste disposal, regulatory compliance, legislative and budget issues, and grant assistance.

### **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director, who has also elected **President of MassRecycle** in May 2005, drafted legislation that would benefit municipal solid waste programs at Senator Creedon's request, and met with key legislators to provide input on that and other state solid waste issues. She also attended policy meetings, forums and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, the Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast

Resource Recovery Association. In her capacity as MassRecycle President, she was appointed to and attends Mass. DEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings. She shares what she learns with the Managers, and relays the Managers' concerns to the professional and State organizations and regulators.

The SSRC held a **Legislative Breakfast** in May at which Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) was recognized with our "Environmental Hero" award for his sponsorship and support of bills and budget items that promote waste reduction, and his role in the creation of the SSRC. Rep. Frank Smizik, the Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, also spoke at the event.

The SSRC exists to serve its member towns by facilitating their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Hingham Representatives

Joseph Stigliani, Randy Sylvester, Helga Jorgensen

Prepared by Claire Sullivan, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

## *Town Energy Policy Committee*

**MISSION:** *To serve the residents of the town of Hingham by establishing energy policies that will promote the efficient use of energy, increase awareness and will reduce environmental impact.*

**GOVERNANCE:** The committee consists of seven members including the School Director of Business and Support Services, the General Manager of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant, and the Town Accountant/Finance Director. The final four members are citizens designated by the Board of Selectmen: Pam Harty, Rob Baynes, Brian Phillips, and Russ Heissner. Russ Heissner serves as Chairman. Rob Baynes serves as Secretary.

**WORK PRODUCT:** The Town Energy Policy Committee will draft a comprehensive Green Energy Action Plan that will articulate the results of the Work Agenda, and present it to the Board of Selectmen.

**WORK AGENDA:** The committee meets monthly to address the following Goals:

- Establish Renewable Energy Standards for (1) electric power generation and use, and (2) renewable fuels for fleet vehicles, heating, and stand-by power generation.
- Establish “green” building codes that enhance energy efficiency
- Establish zoning by-laws for land-use that promotes energy efficiency, conservation, or alternative power generation.
- Establish Energy Performance Contracting Programs for residential, commercial, and municipal purposes.
- Identify Capital Project Incentives Programs from Private Equity, State, Federal programs.
- Identify Operating Incentives from Private, State, & Federal programs
- Establish Community Outreach programs that communicate that benefits of energy conservation and renewable energy

**WORK PROCESS:** The committee will use the following process in order to meet the Goals:

- Review of standards from other towns, municipalities, state, or federal sources
- Discussion and creation of Hingham standards
- Review new recommended policy standards with relevant town committees

- Modify as required, and adopt policy. Present as warrant item(s) if required.
- Develop execution plans as required

**INTERACTION WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:** The committee will report periodically to the Hingham Board of Selectmen. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen will be the liaison with the committee and together with the chairman of the committee will determine if and when the committee will make presentations to the board. Should funds be required for consultants, surveys, or other matters, the committee will arrange to submit a proposal to the board for consideration. The board may seek grant monies or other outside support at the request of the committee.

Russell Heissner, Chairman  
Robert Baynes  
Pamela Harty  
Brian Phillips  
David Killory  
John Tzimirangas  
Ted Alexiades

## *Veterans' Services*

*The Hingham Veterans' Services office is responsible for the processing and distribution of veterans' benefits in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115. During the past year, this office provided benefits and assistance to eligible Hingham veterans and their families. Assistance was provided to qualifying veterans and their families in the areas of health care, job placement, disability compensation, retraining programs as well as the occasional providing for transportation. Medical and supplemental expenses for eligible applicants were processed and distributed through the Veterans' Services office. Outreach among Hingham's veterans was a successful and continued effort.*

During 2006 a Veterans' Council was formed to assist the Veterans' Services office with issues and special events that occur throughout the year. Not only are the present 13 members advocates for veterans, but also they bring a wealth of knowledge, resources and history to the table and gladly give of their time to serve the town. The traditional Memorial Day parade and Veterans' Day ceremony was organized by the group.

In addition, the Council sponsored an "Injured Soldiers" fishing trip, which was so successful it may become a yearly event, and catalogued all veterans and war memorials in town in order to create a maintenance schedule for upkeep.

We wish to thank the Selectmen and Town Administrator for the confidence and support they have shown to all Hingham veterans.

Michael Cunningham  
Director of Veterans' Services

## *Wastewater Master Planning Committee*

*The Wastewater Master Planning Committee* has the important advisory task in developing a strategic plan for the long-term management of wastewater generated in Hingham. The Committee is comprised of members from the Selectmen, Health, & Planning Boards, the Sewer and Conservation Commissions, the Water Supply Committee, as well as knowledgeable citizen appointees.

This plan covers a broad scope of issues which are intimately linked to human habitation including septic system best practices, water supply recharge through stormwater and interbasin water balance management, public sewer expansion possibilities, and environmental protection.

The Committee has already concluded the Needs Analysis portion of this multi-phase \$400,000 study through accumulating and analyzing vital data about our town's population estimates, existing and future water supply demand, residential & commercial land use projections, and our current and future wastewater generation. The study divides Hingham into twenty distinct zones and outlines the important physical characteristics which are prevalent in each of these areas. Some of the characteristics include residential lot size, proximity to vital wetlands, location within our water supply aquifer, and subsurface soil conditions that are favorable or not for on-site wastewater disposal.

Our hired consultants, Camp Dresser & McKee, are presently working on the Identification of Wastewater Alternatives section of the study. This investigation will look at various wastewater treatment system options and alternative technologies that could provide greater environmental and cost benefit to the Town. These options run the array from optimizing existing residential septic systems, or clustering systems together, to expanding sewers further into Hingham. During the final phase of the study, an extensive cost-effective analysis will be undertaken to compare all of the possibilities and arrive at a recommended plan that will serve Hingham for the next 20-years or so.

Public meetings are held after each completed section of the study where preliminary conclusions are presented and comments sought from our residents and businesses. Please consider attending our meetings.

Kirk Shilts, Health Board, Chair  
Gene Babin, Conservation  
John Brandt, Sewer  
Richard Hull  
Mat MacIver

Frank Mahony  
Tod McGrath, Planning Board  
John Riley, Selectman  
Roger Sullivan, Water Supply  
Mark White

## Water Supply Committee



*The Water Supply Committee (WSC) is charged with maintaining a Water Supply Policy for the Town of Hingham, and monitoring adherence to this policy among the various water-supply-related entities. The WSC is working with the Hingham-Hull water utility, Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion), on long-term planning to ensure that we have sufficient water to satisfy the Town's current and future needs.*

### Additional Supply Sources Update:

The State currently limits our water district (Hingham, Hull and a part of Cohasset) to the same level of consumption as averaged from 1981-1986, some 20-years ago. To obtain more water our water-utility, Aquarion Water Co. (Aquarion), must show that there is a need and that existing water supplies are being used efficiently. Aquarion has launched a major campaign to educate water users and landscapers on the need to conserve water, particularly when installing sprinkler or other irrigation systems. The WSC is looking at possible ways of supporting or supplementing this effort through Town action.

The WSC continues to monitor progress on Aquarion's study to determine needs, population projections and new supply options. These options, from the most cost-effective to the most expensive, include



permitting Free St. Well #4, upgrading existing wells, purchasing water from MWRA, and desalinization. Aquarion is also exploring whether there might be new water supplies outside the Weir River Basin. Hull is conducting a study on its own of options for that town which include possible construction of a desalinization plant. We are monitoring that study and considering how the results might affect our own long-term planning.

**Efficient use of our Existing Supply:**

In 1999, the State and Aquarion agreed through a consent order to institute a Water Balance Program, which required that planned developments that significantly increase demand within our water district, must offset their projected water needs with an equal amount of water savings. Over the past few years, leaks and unaccounted for water have been reduced from some 23% to below 15%. This program of water conservation and recovery will soon be expanded to include construction of new homes as even more demands are placed on our system. The WSC is monitoring both phases of the water balance program from initial application to final completion when developers should have fulfilled their water savings obligation. This oversight assists our various town-governing Boards that grant the necessary permits who asked for greater accountability in determining ample supply.

**Application to the State:**

Aquarion expects to be ready sometime on 2007 to submit a new application to the State authorize a new permitted amount of water to satisfy the Hingham-Hull district's water needs over the next 20 years. The whole permitting process will take two or three years to complete. The WSC is monitoring this process and will report and make recommendations as appropriate to the Board of Selectmen.

Gregory J. May  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Carolyn J. Nielsen  
William C. Schrader  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Robert W. Stuart  
Roger W. Sullivan

## Weir River Estuary Park Committee

*The Weir River Estuary is one of Boston Harbor's most valuable natural resources* and was designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1986. Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset share the Weir River Estuary and the ACEC, which includes 900 acres of water, fresh and saltwater wetlands, and uplands and borders World's End.

The accomplishments for the Weir River Estuary Park Committee (WREP) were based on *The Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan* 2006. The Plan has added an Executive Summary and two appendices with two new amendments. Amendment 1 adds a Weir River Estuary proposed walking and bicycling route around and through the estuary resource; the route uses the existing roadways, Rockland Street, George Washington Boulevard-Summer Street. This route ties into a proposed Hingham Harbor to Scituate Harbor Bicycle Trail. Amendment 2 provides a natural resource access policy for the resource with two guiding objectives: to conserve and restore land and water as wildlife habitat and to provide educational and recreational access to the resource that has minimal impact on habitat, the specifics are included. The Land Protection Plan 2006 is currently being presented to the committees and Boards in the three communities for adoption and is posted at <http://www.hingham-ma.com>.

In conjunction with the Rockland Street bridge reconstruction project, several members of the WREP committee assisted in writing a Coastal Pollution Remediation grant with the Town of Hingham to address the drainage issues that need to be ameliorated before completing the walk-bicycle route. The grant products were to assess and provide a conceptual drainage design plan, using best management practices which would mitigate pollution contributions to the river. Although the grant was not funded for this round, we anticipate continuing the grant funding process in 2007. The committee is most grateful to the Hingham DPW department for the completion of the Kilby-Rockland Street intersection which provides a pedestrian cross-walk, sidewalk curbs and a traffic island. These steps advance the WREP walk-bicycle plan. We are also most appreciative for the Hingham Harbor Master's agreement to place a "No Wake Zone" buoy in the inner estuary in spring 2007.

A Walkable-Bikeable Boulevard Workshop, presented by the Central Transportation Planning staff of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, identified issues and opportunities for access, sidewalks, and crosswalks for sustainable transportation on George Washington Boulevard. MassHighway subsequently has conducted two traffic counts during the summer and fall '06. The numbers indicated that there are opportunities

to make the road friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists. As a result, a request from both Hingham and Hull selectmen to MassHighway has included a FY '08 budget request for a study of design alternatives for George Washington Boulevard, Rockland Street, and Summer Street.

Other projects that the WREP committee assisted as estuary stewards in 2006 were: a) the Strait's Pond Watershed Association's West Corner bridge project, b) Weir River Watershed Association's (WRWA) Estuary Center building's "green" redesign, assisted with the auction fundraiser to benefit the construction project, c) the Straits Pond Watershed Association and Weir River Watershed Association's annual spring Clean Up Day around the Estuary, d) the low-impact development (LID) workshop and materials distribution presented by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management.

The Weir River Estuary Park committee has up to three representatives per community appointed by each of the Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset Boards of Selectmen, plus representatives from other groups, such as neighborhood associations and environmental groups. The committee works with local, state, and national government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The goals are to protect and restore the health of the estuary, link the land, water, and habitat resources to preserve wildlife and healthy water quality, as well provide recreation and learning environmental stewardship opportunities. Monthly meetings, usually the first Wednesday of the month on a tri-Town Hall rotation schedule, are open to residents and are posted on the Hingham web-site, <http://www.Hingham-ma.com>.

The committee wishes to thank all the state and local officials, committees, and citizen volunteers for all their hard work in making this year a successful one.

Faith L. Burbank, Co-Chairperson, Hingham  
Darrell Baker, Hingham Alternate  
Judeth Van Hamm, Co-Chairperson, Hull  
Richard Avery, Co-Chairperson, Cohasset

## *Zoning Permits Study Committee*

*The Zoning Permits Study Committee was established at the 2006 Town Meeting* in order to review the zoning by-law provisions concerning special permits and related measures. The Committee's task includes studying the roles of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board so as to improve and strengthen the permit-granting process and promote growth management policies. The Committee is made up of five members appointed by the moderator plus a representative from each of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals. We met approximately twice a month beginning last summer.

The Committee undertook a detailed review of the site plan review article adopted at last year's town meeting. This article changed prior Hingham practice by making the Planning Board's site plan review decision binding on the Board of Appeals in issuing special permits, rather than simply a recommendation. We discussed how the new site plan provision was expected to work, and considered the relationship between the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board in issuing permits. As a result of our review, the Committee has made several recommendations to clarify the language of the site plan review provision, make it more workable, and provide consistency with other sections of the by-law. We also discussed coordination between the Planning Board and Board of Appeals and are pleased to report that information is being exchanged more readily between the two boards. A uniform application for special permits and site plan review has been established, and members of the Board of Appeals have been attending site plan hearings held by the Planning Board. The boards have also begun to hold joint hearings in appropriate cases, and it is recommended that this option be codified in the bylaw.

As part of the site plan/special permit process, the Committee considered enforcement of permit conditions, as well as issues relating to zoning enforcement generally. Practices in other communities were reviewed. We have recommended that the bylaw specifically prohibit issuance of a certificate of occupancy until permit conditions have been satisfied. Tracking compliance with ongoing permit conditions is a concern and may require additional staff resources. On a related matter, we were informed that zoning enforcement in the local courts under the bylaw's current penalty provision can be difficult. As a result, we have recommended that the option of noncriminal enforcement, currently used for sign violations, be adopted for the entire bylaw.

The Committee reviewed several issues affecting growth management, both on the macro and micro scale. We considered growth concerns

that might affect the Town as a whole as well as issues involving individual neighborhoods. For example, the Committee is concerned with the potential for another “Shipyard” scale development or large retail complex in the area around Beal Street and Route 3A. To address this concern, we evaluated possible rezoning and are looking at other potential changes. Further, we have begun to discuss issues relating to impact fees and project mitigation in connection with special permits. We are reviewing legal requirements as well as zoning provisions and informal practices in other communities. Subdivision concerns and “Smart Growth” have also been discussed.

With respect to neighborhood or “micro” issues, the Committee made two important recommendations. We reviewed the zoning bylaw’s definition of “structure” in order to address the location of certain mechanical equipment, such as large air conditioning units, within setbacks near neighboring properties. We have initiated discussion regarding changes to Hingham’s so-called “Hatfield Amendment,” which liberally treats the extension of nonconforming residential structures. Currently, Hingham zoning allows as-of-right the extension of a nonconforming one or two-family structure as long as the minimum linear dimension of the structure is not further reduced. In other words, if a building encroaches into the setback, it may be extended as long as the extension comes no closer to the neighboring lot line than the existing structure. Concerns have been expressed that Hingham’s provision allows unregulated expansion of existing encroachments, which can have a seriously adverse effect on neighboring properties, especially in older neighborhoods on small lots. The Committee has recommended that the town consider requiring special permits for such additions in order to allow case-by-case review of their impact on the neighborhood. However, there is some question whether imposing a level of review for such changes is an appropriate use of resources or is desired by many in town.

We are grateful for the able assistance of Katy Lacy, the Town’s Planning Director. We have also received valuable input from Sue Letizia-Eddy and Jane Santosuosso of the Board of Appeal’s office, Building Commissioner Dick Morgan and members of his department.

Victor Baltera, Chairman  
Richard Cook  
Stephen McLaughlin  
Susan Murphy  
Donald Pinto  
Mary Power, Secretary  
William Ramsey, Vice-Chairman

## *Finance Director/Town Accountant*

*To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:*

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets, with the exception of road and bridge infrastructure, are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The Town is presently undertaking the task of capitalizing road and bridge infrastructure. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from net assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of

activities. The expenses of the town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. This was the tenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to compliment the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from O'Connor & Drew, PC. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

## PROFILE OF THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the first two being discrete units, and the latter being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of Boston. Established in 1635, the current population is approximately 20,000. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has six local historic districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed in the post World War II years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, public education, street maintenance, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 25% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services which provides senior citizens with a variety of enrichment programs, as well as outreach services. Bus service is provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connects to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant swimming and boating facilities. Bare Cove Park, containing 468 acres, was a former federal ammunition depot and is now owned and managed by the Town. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the passive recreation provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers bicycle and hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and



extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day-to-day administration.

## ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which rose slightly over the past few years, have begun to decline again. However, the Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties and over the past few years has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties.

State budget problems abated slightly during fiscal year 2006, and the state modestly increased aid to cities and towns during the fiscal year 2006.

## MAJOR INITIATIVES

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority, and to that end the Capital Outlay Committee recommended a total of \$8,657,867 for capital improvements for Fiscal 2007. Highlighting the Fiscal 2007 recommendations are a \$5,018,559 centralized public works facility and \$1,768,908 adjacent athletic field complex.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Financial Management.** The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee has adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets. The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Undesignated Fund Balance) be maintained at about 5% of annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves

increase, any excess of the 5% level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**Budgetary Controls.** The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15-member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen, attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Finance Director/Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

The Town Accountant, whom also serves as the Director of Finance, holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.** In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, town or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. We will be submitting the fiscal 2006 report to GFOA for review in anticipation of receiving the certificate.

**Independent Audit.** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 were audited by the public accounting firm of O'Connor & Drew, P.C. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the Federal office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

**Acknowledgments.** A special gratitude is owed to Dave A. Dilulis, and Kevin Carnes, Partners, at O'Connor & Drew, P.C., whose attention to the fiscal year 2006 financial statements was invaluable. I also want to express my appreciation to the accounting personnel, Sue Nickerson, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, and Jan Jacobson for their assistance with the preparation of this CAFR, and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. I wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

**Additional Information.** Hardcopies of the CAFR are available in the Town Accountant's Office, or online in PDF form at: [http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town\\_of\\_Hingham\\_CAFR\\_2006.pdf](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town_of_Hingham_CAFR_2006.pdf)

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO  
Finance D Director/Town Accountant

## *Board of Assessors*

*Each year as we submit this report we can only praise our staff* for their continued ability to handle the ever-changing assessing procedures and reports with the aim of improving assessing properties fairly. The incredible amount of new growth in the next five to ten years will greatly impact our office's resources. We are currently taking steps to limit the impact with new software and computer components. The Geographical Information System is now operational and has been installed in all departments throughout the Town.

Lane Partridge and his staff, consisting of assistant assessor Kathleen Collins, Susan Walker, Sandra Alger and Jean White, have successfully passed the rigorous Department of Revenue revaluation of real estate and personal property. All this was made possible by the great job done by Bob Abbott performing over 800 inspections and accumulating changes in properties. This process is done in-house at substantial savings to the town.

Today all assessment data is available to all residents, real estate brokers, appraisers and bankers. With all this information "on the Web" Susan, Jean and Sandra have more time to concentrate on their specific tasks.

As mentioned above, the next few years will be a time of rapid growth in the town, and keeping up with tracking and estimating values will be difficult. We are referring to the Black Rock Residential Development, The Linden Ponds Elder Living Facility, and Shipyard reuse. We have asked for funding to hire experts knowledgeable in these areas. All this helps assure that your town has one of the best assessing offices out of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

We added over \$1,000,00 in tax dollars for new growth, allowing us to effect a slight decrease in the tax rate in spite of an increased town budget. We can look forward to a few more years of this new growth with the expansion of the projects mentioned above.

We are proud of our staff, and thank them very much for their efforts to keep our taxpayers happy.

Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman  
Robert Kurtz  
Mark Tyburski

## *Hingham Contributory Retirement Board*

The annual report for Fiscal 2006 contains the financial statements as well as a membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2006.

The retirement system was independently audited for the year ended December 31, 2005. The last actuarial review study was performed January 1, 2006.

Ted C. Alexiades, Chairman and Ex-Officio Member  
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member  
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member  
Thomas P. Hall, Appointed Member  
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member  
Nancy M. Hutt, Administrative Assistant to the Board

### *Contributory Retirement System* **Trial Balance as of December 31, 2006** **(Pre-Close)**

#### **ASSETS**

Cash - Citizens Bank	\$	518,479.22
Checking – Citizens Bank	\$	0
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	\$	70,132,045.48
Accounts Receivable	\$	1,327,759.40
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,978,284.10</b>

#### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	\$	-2,544.48
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#### **FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Savings Fund	\$	-13,886,325.00
Annuity Reserve Fund	\$	-5,574,139.71
Military Service Fund	\$	-9,776.62
Pension Fund	\$	-2,152,642.95
Pension Reserve Fund	\$	-41,088,314.20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-62,711,198.48</b>

#### **REVENUES**

Investment Income	\$	-2,189,075.74
Interest Not Refunded	\$	-2,779.63
Miscellaneous Income	\$	0.00
Realized Gains	\$	-4,464,631.28
Realized Loss	\$	0.00

Unrealized Gains	\$	-6,040,602.10
Unrealized Loss	\$	2,471,257.43
Contrib. received for Military Service	\$	0.00
Members Deductions	\$	-1,668,576.53
Transfers from Other Systems	\$	-21,742.37
Members Make Up & Re-deposits	\$	-48,501.76
Pension Fund Appropriation	\$	-2,955,703.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	\$	0.00
3(8) (c) Reimb. From Other Systems	\$	-144,111.69
Received from Commonwealth COLA	\$	-150,482.56
Member Payments from Rollovers	\$	-9,030.36
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-15,225,425.73</b>

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	\$	41,935.59
Consultant Fees	\$	0.00
Management Fees	\$	379,984.32
Legal Expenses	\$	3,180.00
Medical Expenses	\$	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	\$	3,664.01
Service Contracts	\$	10,991.00
Administrative Expenses	\$	26,690.02
Furniture and Equipment	\$	0.00
Travel	\$	974.76
Annuities Paid	\$	685,804.37
Pensions Paid	\$	4,144,783.79
COLA's Paid	\$	146,979.40
3(8) (c) Reimb. To Other Systems	\$	115,943.19
Transfers to Other Systems	\$	185,263.01
Refunds to Members	\$	202,441.83
Option B Refunds	\$	12,249.30
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,960,884.59</b>

#### **New Members 2006**

Barbuto, Susan R.  
 Beausejour, Nicole E.  
 Bridgeman, Janice C.  
 Cahill, Daryl M.  
 Clarkeson, Kathleen A.  
 Cotter, Patricia S.  
 Cullen, Carol

Bazzinotti, Ernest F.  
 Biello, Nicholas J.  
 Burkard, Susan E.  
 Childs, Abigail R.  
 Conway, Matthew J.  
 Cox, Megan D.  
 Curley, Lillian M.

Curran, Jennifer A.  
Downer, Megan A.  
Ford, Thomas W.  
Garland, Bridget M.  
Green, Michelle S.  
Griggs, Erin E.  
Hallinan, Myriah E.  
Jackman, Amy L.  
Jope, Jillian R.  
Laplume, Gretchen A.  
Ledwick, Regina C.  
McCann, Doris  
McGrail, James P.  
Morrison, Brenda M.  
Mulcahy, Kathleen A.  
Papasodero, Ann Marie  
Shepard, Judith M.  
Shorey, Elizabeth S.  
Smith, Robert B.  
Walden, John J.  
Whelan, Janice B.  
Williams, C. Yvonne  
Woods, Michael R. Jr.

#### **Retired Members 2006**

Andrews, Rodney E.  
Colbeck, Gary E.  
Drohan, Jill A.  
Iser, Martin  
Robinson, John A.

#### **Deceased Retirees 2006**

Anderson, Marion  
Condon, Elaine  
Hickie, William  
Lincoln, C. Warren  
Montgomery, Gail

Derosa, Karen J.  
Foley, Margaret M.  
Fredette, Heather B.  
Gioioso, Joelle M.  
Griffin, Nicoletta I.  
Hall, Kaitlin M.  
Jacintho, Thomas A. Jr.  
Jones, Stephanie D.  
Joy, Kerin B.  
Leavitt, Chris J.  
Lombardo, Brenda S.  
McDaid, James G.  
McManus, Marc R.  
Mui, Jennifer C.  
O'Brien, Nicole M.  
Parker, Nicole L.  
Shinney, Kaitlyn E.  
Singleton, Erin E.  
Velie, Patricia A.  
Waters, Sharyn J.  
Wilcox, Colby R.  
Williams, Gail G.  
Zona, Andrea M.

Barbuto, Candida  
Darling, Marilyn A.  
Eaton, Julia N.  
Kahn, Rosemary  
Schneider, William R.

Collins, Richard  
Hall, Charles  
Lewis, Susan  
Lutman, Alice  
Reynolds, Frank

## **Membership Statistic Report 2006**

### **Active Members**

Active Membership Dec. 31, previous year	511
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, previous year	78
Enrolled during current year	59
Transfer between groups	0
Reinstatement of disabled members	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>648</b>
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	44
Retirements	9
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Active Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>517</b>
<b>Total Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>78</b>

### **Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Survivors**

#### **Retired Beneficiary and Survivor**

<b>Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>241</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	9
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	0
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>250</b>
Deduct	
Death of retired member's Termination of Survivor's Benefits	10
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	201
Ordinary Disability	4



Accidental Disability	14
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	9
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	8
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	10
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	4
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>252</b>
<b><u>Total Membership</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary And Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>847</b>

## *Treasurer/Collector*

*I am pleased to report that fiscal year 2006 collection rates continue to be strong* with ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. Approximately eighty percent of motor vehicle excise revenue is received within the first six weeks of bill issuance. 7,912 real estate tax, 319 personal property, 1,497 boat excise and 23,154 motor vehicle bills were issued, a four percent overall increase from FY 05. Currently, seventy-three percent of the Town's operating revenue is tax collection generated.

Our most significant undertaking this year was the conversion to a billing and collection program that is fully integrated throughout the three municipal finance departments. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Assessing, Accounting, IT, and Collector staff, we were able to successfully convert, and when necessary, recreate, ten years of billing and collection data by our deadline of June 30th. A special thank you goes to Lori-Ann Magner, Assistant Treasurer Collector, for shouldering the lion's share of the increased tax collection responsibilities generated by this project.

The Town issued Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$3,337,000. The notes will mature on June 20, 2007 with a net interest rate of 3.6375%. This was a multipurpose loan for Sewer repair (\$62,000), Sewer Construction (\$1,575,000) and South Shore Country Club (\$1,700,000) purposes.

The Town entered into a \$400,000 Interim Loan Agreement with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust at an interest rate of 1.63% for the purpose of funding of the Wastewater Management Plan. The notes will mature on December 14, 2006 when the permanent debt will be issued at a rate of 2%.

The Town also entered into a Loan Agreement with the MWRA for funding Phase 4 of the Town's Infiltration/Inflow Investigation Project. The Phase 4 assistance amount was \$144,000, of which \$64,800 was in the form of a grant and \$79,200 as a 0% Collateralized Loan.

I wish to express my thanks to my office staff, Lori-Anne Magner, Nancy Leahy, Linda Kelley, Regina Ledwick and Jacquie Berard for their continued dedication, support and service to the citizens of the Town of Hingham. We are fortunate to have them in our employ.

Jean M. Montgomery  
Treasurer Collector

**WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION**  
JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

2006 Real Estate Tax .....	47,175,131
2006 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	607,907
2006 Personal Property Tax .....	601,359
2006 Boat Excise Tax .....	94,917
2006 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,850,489
2005 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	479,085
2004 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	24,537
Sewer Special Assess. WRSD2/Green Street Crt.....	\$1,848,724
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	202,777
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	243,627
Water Betterments & Committed Interest .....	1,078
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	3,948
Sewer Use Liens .....	141,398
Light Liens .....	<u>77,935</u>
Total .....	54,352,912

TRUST, GIFT, GRANT AND DEPRECIATION FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF  
THE TREASURER - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

400th Anniversary Fund .....	13,291
Aid to Elderly/Disabled .....	7,564
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,459
Charles Langenhagen II Memorial Trust .....	224
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial Fund .....	56,005
Education Fund .....	17,358
Electric Light Depreciation .....	4,570,706
Electric Light Reserve Stranded Costs .....	2,149,756
Electric Light - Customer Deposit Fund .....	870,655
Federal Withholding .....	15,152
Foundry Pond .....	6,137
Fourth of July Fund .....	70,532
Hannah Lincoln Whiting Charity Fund .....	15,170
Hingham Beautification .....	1,061
Hingham Historical Commission .....	47,475
Hingham War Memorial .....	11,200
MWRA Inflow & Infiltration Grant Loan Program .....	144,239
Medical Insurance Fund .....	391,780
More-Brewer Fund .....	81,503
Open Space Conservation Fund .....	64,107
Stabilization Fund .....	548,300
USLST Association .....	<u>1,155</u>
Total .....	9,085,829

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

Scholarship Fund	Balance 6/30/05	6/30/06
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	22,810	23,616
Orvis K. & May B. Collins .....	48,705	50,455
Amasa J. Whiting .....	23,555	24,443
Second World War Memorial .....	59,362	61,479
Margaret McElroy .....	12,055	12,437
Stuart Macmillan .....	51,543	55,372
Anne Mulholland .....	4,607	4,762
John Lewis Russell .....	14,531	15,060
Caroline Murdock .....	11,072	11,505
Charles (Chuck) Martell .....	18,816	19,408
Francis James Thompson .....	1,961,922	2,029,142
Patricia Lynne Schneider .....	4,238	4,388
Harold L. Downing .....	17,649	18,304
Hingham Theater for Children .....	4,759	4,964
Curtis Chase .....	10,776	11,182
Wallis Lee Chipman .....	6,633	6,892
Russell H. Arkell .....	8,770	9,085
Hingham Basketball Boosters .....	11,620	12,063
Charles Berry .....	5,803	5,234
Edward O. Hornstra .....	15,552	16,084
William J. Laubenstein Jr .....	4,707	4,872
Mary Sheldon .....	6,227	6,444
Robin Karen Kurciviez .....	4,795	4,976
Mary J. Fee .....	4,558	4,713
Jacobs .....	28,546	29,485
Burditt W. Collins Memorial .....	6,680	6,885
Savini Music .....	5,433	5,630
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce .....	180,390	187,489
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo .....	16,496	17,815
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial .....	5,067	5,245
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant .....	108,592	111,829
Hingham Band Parents .....	5,368	5,571
Hingham Taxpayers .....	47,755	49,795
Susan Burton .....	19,118	19,750
John Barba .....	18,631	19,279
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	14,365	15,054
M. Tilghman Earle .....	16,240	17,146
Lewis J. Ernst .....	11,451	11,877
Joan E. Pyne Memorial .....	6,243	6,474

John Peter Nionakis .....	5,654.....	5,843
Kids Cabaret .....	2,875.....	2,954
Field Hockey Team .....	7,824.....	8,165
Charles L. Vickery.....	24,673.....	26,704
Jamin Guarino.....	27,864.....	29,007
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	8,486.....	8,748
M. Dorothy Clifford .....	7,841.....	8,206
Gerald M. Collins, M.D. ....	2,637.....	2,848
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	2,909.....	3,924
Crofoot Trust .....	17,642.....	18,152
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	11,673.....	12,052
Robin Helene Ruben .....	11,938.....	12,331
Robert L. Goodrich .....	28,914.....	29,887
Helen S. Wollan .....	3,737.....	3,902
Former Students of Hingham High School .....	11,809.....	12,185
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial .....	16,859.....	17,932
Hingham Women's Club .....	13,873.....	14,337
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy.....	5,934.....	7,323
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	3,068.....	7,699
General Fund .....	<u>4,386.....</u>	<u>4,229</u>
Total .....	3,046,036.....	3,162,632

